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Worry spills from wells of prosperity

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CATTLE farmer Katie Lloyd is worried. The mother of two young boys has 21 gas wells on her Chinchilla district property and this one has leaked since it was installed about six years ago.

"It has become worse recently," she said a day after Western Downs locals went public with allegations of illness and rashes they claim are linked to coal seam gas projects. "I have been on to them so they know about it but it is a worry."

Her concerns come as two new LNG projects are set to be approved for the region, bringing a revenue and jobs bonanza.

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GAS LEAK: Chinchilla beef farmers Katie and Scott Lloyd with their son Jack next to a leaking gas well on their property. Picture: Jeff Camden