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Attention Agriculture and Environment Committee

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the legislative amendments proposed in the *Environmental Protection (Chain of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2016*.

I am a Queensland taxpayer residing in Brisbane, and am extremely concerned at the extent lack of responsibility taken by mining companies in regards to our environment and the number of abandoned mines and minerals processing facilities, which number in excess of 15,000 sites. across the states

Evidence shows that the development of underground coal gasification and the roll out of unconventional gas (including Coal Seam Gas and Shale Gas) over thousands of square kilometers of Queensland has the potential for huge environmental damage.

Due to the downturn in the fossil fuel industry, many mining and unconventional gas companies are facing financial pressure and risk going into administration. The mining companies' financial assurance or environmental insurance is unlikely to cover the extent of the damage when things go wrong with mining and unconventional gas. Therefore, there is a urgent need to hold companies to account in regards to cleaning up the environmental impacts, especially given the industry's poor environmental record, which is devastating to many Australian communities.

The proposed legislation needs to mandate extending the responsibility to cleaning up environmental impacts to all mineral processing facilities in the State.

I completely support the "polluter pays" principle, where those that profit from exploiting the mineral resources which are owned by the people of Queensland leave their sites in a condition without residual environmental impacts.

These circumstances make the *Environmental Protection (Chain of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2016* necessary and urgent. For too long mining companies have not taken responsibility for the damage they cause, our government must enforce this responsibility for the good of all Australians and future generations.

I urge you, please do the right thing and pass this bill.

**Kind Regards,**

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