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Dear Agriculture and Environment Committee, Qld Government

As a resident and taxpayer of Queensland I support the proposed legislative amendments proposed in the *Environmental Protection (Chain of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2016*

I'm worried about the 15,000 or more abandoned mines and minerals processing facilities across the state. I see an urgent need to hold companies to account in regards to cleaning up the environmental impacts given the industry's poor environmental record

With development of underground coal works and the roll out of unconventional gas there is potential for long lasting environmental damage being inflicted across Queensland.

Any company that exploits the mineral resources which are owned by the people of Queensland should leave their sites in a condition without residual environmental impacts.

The polluters should pay if things go wrong with mining and unconventional gas sites. I believe a "clean up bond" should be paid by the mining and unconventional gas companies to the government, and held in trust, before their companies face financial pressure and risk going into administration.

These circumstances make the *Environmental Protection (Chain of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2016* necessary and urgent

The legislation should extend the responsibility to cleaning up environmental impacts to all entities responsible for mineral processing facilities in the State.

Thank you for reading this submission.

Regards

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