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- I am writing to support the proposed legislative amendments proposed in the *Environmental Protection (Chain of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2016*
- As a Queensland taxpayer I am concerned at the extent of abandoned mines and minerals processing facilities that number in excess of 15,000 sites across the states
- I see that early 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
- I understand that companies financial assurance or environmental insurance is unlikely to cover the extent of the damage when things go wrong with mining and unconventional gas
- As things stand, many mining and unconventional gas companies are facing financial pressure and risk going into administration. In this circumstance, the *Environmental Protection (Chain of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2016* is both necessary and urgent.
- I believe there is a urgent need to hold companies to account in regards to cleaning up the environmental impacts, given the industry's poor environmental record
- It is my considered opinion that the legislation needs to mandate extending the responsibility to cleaning up environmental impacts to all mineral processing facilities in the State - 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.

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