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To: [Agriculture and Environment Committee](#)  
Subject: Queensland Chain of Responsibility Bill  
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- That I support the proposed legislative amendments proposed in the *Environmental Protection (Chain of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2016*
- As a Queensland taxpayer you are concerned at the extent of abandoned mines and minerals processing facilities that number in excess of 15,000 sites across the states
- 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
- 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
- That right now many mining and unconventional gas companies are facing financial pressure and risk going into administration. These circumstances make the *Environmental Protection (Chain of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2016* necessary and urgent
- That 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
- That the legislation needs to mandate extending the responsibility to cleaning up environmental impacts to all mineral processing facilities in the State, and
- That you 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.

Please accept this submission,

as I am disgusted that companies make money by destroying one natural resource for another. And which government has the right to say that Natural Wonder is less important than Agriculture, which may then be less important than land for housing, or for a mine? Please be responsible and put it back the way you found it and give Nature a go. We need food and smart people to unshackle us from fossil fuels, not companies just taking what they want and leaving a huge mess behind them, what ever happened to Keep Australia Beautiful? Accountability is

there, you must take action or it becomes your job eventually.  
We must legislate this accountability to ensure Natural Wonder for our  
future.

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