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

It is disgusting what these rich mining companies are doing to our planet and unfortunately governments around the world, the only ones who have power to change things, are letting them get away with it.

You hear that the government is banning people from protesting against fracking, a deathly activity affecting real lives and making water ways toxic, that mining companies are poisoning our water supplies with arsenic, , that the government allows these big companies to get away with paying minimal tax while the hard working Australians fight to make ends meet because of extortionate tax bills, that governments are giving mining companies free rein over any land they want to frack even if the owner of the land opposes it. Clearly the government is being paid behind backs to allow this clear abuse of public rights to take place. This is our land, the people, and we have a wonderful land that needs to be protected. It is not the place of the government to ignore the bigger picture and allow our country to be raped for money. What has the world come to when all that is important is money, not people, not lives, not the environment, money and power. It is not rocket science to know all this greed will amount to death and destruction of our planet and people. Where's the moral responsibility. It is the governments job to protect the land and people, not give it to the highest bidder, allowing them to do what they like. Why weren't bills such as this put in place at the start. Is there no foresight from the government. Seriously, something has to change, the government has to change.

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.

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 doubt 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.

It appears 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.

Now more than ever 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

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

I 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.

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