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I wish to make a submission to the Queensland Chain of Responsibility Bill, some years ago we owned a small property on the edge of a creek in Central Queensland.

A mining company established an alluvial gold mine and processing plant in the creek and surrounding flood plains, local residents including ourselves objected to the mine and plant on the grounds of insufficient laws and bonds to cover cleanup and rehabilitation after the mine was finished.

We were assured by the Department of Mines that this was not going to be a problem and that the laws and bonds held would be sufficient.

As we predicted the mine suddenly closed when the owners went bankrupt suddenly, the rehabilitation work was not done and large quantities of mercury and other chemicals had been dumped on the site that was part of the drinking water supply for a town downstream, the flow of the creek and the underground aquifer had been significantly changed and damaged and good alluvial grazing land had been totally destroyed by the mine.

(all these points had actually been part of our original objection to the mine and plant)

We later found out that the Department of Mines had taken a \$5,000 bond that had been forfeited, the local council and landholder who were left to repair what they could and to decontaminate the land estimated a bill in the range of \$100,000 for the work they had to do.

Even this left the area significantly degraded from the pre mine condition.

I have no issue with mining so long as it is done in a professional manner, it does not have a negative impact on existing communities and any damage done is either restored by the miners or by the mines department out of bonds taken before any mining commences.

Yours sincerely

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