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To whom it may concern:

I am Katherine Eagles, of Forest Glen, Queensland. I write in support of the above Bill. Mining companies are abandoning their responsibilities to the environment and the people of Queensland. This State faces an enormous cost in rehabilitating - as much as possible - the huge environmental and social impacts of mining. This Bill must be passed to hold mining companies to account, with extra powers to the Department of Heritage and Environmental Protection to enforce financial responsibility.

I support the 'polluter pays' principle, so that the companies that come to this State to exploit its mineral resources - which actually belong to the people of Queensland - do not leave without paying for the clean-up of mining sites. This Bill must be passed as soon as possible, as many mining and unconventional gas companies are facing financial pressure and could fold up. I applaud the Amendments that ensure a parent company or company director can be held financially responsible for environmental damage, even if the company is in the process of liquidation.

As a Queenslander, I am concerned that the development of underground coal gasification (CSG 'fracking') has the potential for huge environmental damage over thousands of square kilometres, including the pollution of water tables and aquifers which cannot be rehabilitated or restored. This method of extracting coal seam gas and shale gas should be banned, as it is in other states and countries. At the very least, strict financial and environmental guidelines for the protection of the environment, including flora and fauna and water supplies, must be rigorously enforced.

Please accept this as my submission to the Environmental Protection (Chain of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2016.

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