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Dear Sir/Madam on the Agriculture and Environment Committee,

- That you support the proposed legislative amendments proposed in the *Environmental Protection (Chain of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2016*
- That you support

My name is Franklin Bruinstroop, living at 5 Macadamia Drive, Maleny, and I write as an individual concerned over the long term costs and impacts of mining and extractive industries, and in this case the cost of cleaning, reparation and restoration after mining operations.

I am very thankful for the opportunity to make a submission on the proposed legislative amendments proposed in the *Environmental Protection (Chain of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2016* by 31 March, 2016, and wish for continued interaction on their passage and implementation.

In short, I see the proposed amendments as a positive step towards ensuring responsibility is required of those taking action, and wish to see them supported.

I am alarmed in THINKING about the costs of getting mine-sites back to how they were before even mining exploration operations began, let alone the billions needed to implement revegetation, the removal of pollutants, and a return to productivity in the complete network of land , air and water!

I believe the new legislation will help ensure mining and mineral processing industries do not allow their operations to pollute the environment and will make it more likely that they will 'clean-up' after themselves.

I have seen a number of documentary reports which show showing how bad things are at the end of mining operations and in the mine clean-ups needed in Qld. I think it is a disgraceful situation, and want to see more responsibility taken by those who have created the problem.

Please keep those proposed amendments as you have them due to the following reasons:

- As a Queensland taxpayer I am concerned at the extent of abandoned mines and minerals processing facilities, numbering 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. Evidence is building up against this industry.
- Companies' financial assurance or environmental insurance is unlikely to cover the extent of the damage when things go wrong with mining and unconventional gas
- 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

- I KNOW 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, and
- I totally support a "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.

Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration in your deliberations.

Regards

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