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To: [Agriculture and Environment Committee](#)
Subject: Queensland Chain of Responsibility Bill
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To the Agriculture and Environment Committee,

Thank you for considering the proposed legislative amendments to the Environmental Protection (Chain of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2016.

I support the proposal for the following reasons:

At this moment, I am not sure if the sale of the Blair Athol mine for \$1.00, to Linc Energy has been processed or not, but it certainly is obvious that this proposal is designed to avoid further costs to the company particularly regarding rehabilitation of the site.

I am very encouraged by the retrospectivity of the proposed legislative amendment to the bill.

I have heard Jim Pearce (ALP State member for Mirani) state that there are currently 15,000 unrehabilitated mine sites in Queensland. Others claiming rehabilitation, have left undulating troughs, planted with the noxious buffle grass. This is pathetic. Rehabilitation means that the sites must be restored as nearly as possible to the 'natural habitat' they were prior to the commencement of the destructive extractive process. This is not unreasonable, but it will be costly. The mining industries must clean up their mess.

Of course, the mining industries will combine to oppose the proposed amendments, but they wouldn't. They are a powerful group, but the Queensland government, representing the people, has the authority, and the responsibility to ensure that those companies that have benefitted from our natural resources pay a proper and adequate price to restore the environment before they walk away. It is unthinkable that the taxpayer should foot the bill. Consider Queensland Nickle Refinery, Clive Palmer is using every slippery trick possible to shirk his responsibility to the environment and the employees.

I look forward to hearing from you, and thank you for your courage to do the right thing.

Sincerely,

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