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Dear Mr Chair and Committee Members
Submission on Environmental Protection (Chain of Responsibility) Bill
2016(Chain of Responsibility)

I am an Australian Citizen and a retired Energy Engineer. I am also a long term resident of Queensland.

Many years ago I made representations to the Dept of the Environment as the level of Financial Assurances that should be required from the proponents of the proposed Coal Seam Gas Fields.

My arguments were two fold. Production of large scale CSG would require thousands of producing gas well brought into service over time. These wells would all be interconnected in groups by metal gas pipework and plastic large dia pipework for the waste water produced in raising the gas to the surface. Gas would be compressed for transportation to Curtis Island LNG PLants. The waste water, heavily contaminated and thus of little or no use agriculturally, would be piped to what were termed collecting and then evaporating ponds for disposal.

Gas field life was always short term and fields and wells finish production on a regular basis. Care and maintenance is never an issue for the Gas companies.

Once the gas is out and so are you. It is imperative for two things to happen. All pipework needs to be removed to minimise the flow of contaminants and diseases through part empty pipes, and secondly all holding and evaporating ponds are emptied for mosquito control and the massive deposits of heavy

metals and chemicals removed. Of course all exhausted wells require effective capping and sealing.

I stressed in my submission that the proposed Financial Assurances should be incorporated in the licence conditions and must reflect real costs.

I would urge you to support this Bill and its amendments. I would also urge your Committee to launch an inquiry and ascertain the scale of the problem as it now presents itself.

Yours Sincerley

Brian Clark