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To whom it may concern,

The Mary River Catchment Coordination Association is a very active Integrated Catchment Management organisation based in Gympie. The organisation is overseen by a committee (the MRCCC) of representatives from 24 industry, government and community sectors with interests in sustainable natural resource management.

Over the past 20 years, the MRCCC has successfully partnered with a range of organisations including the Federal Government Departments of Agriculture and Environment, local government across the Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast regions, the Queensland Government and regional organisations, to work towards our vision of a sustainable and productive catchment.

The MRCCC supports the proposed legislative amendments to the Environmental Protection (Chain of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2016, which are aimed at ensuring sites operated by companies in financial difficulty continue to comply with their environmental obligations.

We strongly maintain that companies must be held accountable and bear the cost of managing and rehabilitating sites. The MRCCC also supports the revision of Queensland laws and policies which seek to ensure that all major projects (not just mines) are required to have ample financial assurances or bonds, to protect our environment and to safeguard the public purse.

Yours sincerely,

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