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Honorable members,

I, Daley Stritzke, support the proposed legislative amendments proposed in the *Environmental Protection (Chain of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2016*. As a university student studying environmental science you can understand that I am very passionate about our environment and the impacts anthropological impact have for centuries to come. The mining industry in particular seems to be a big contributor to GHG emissions, pollution and I get very upset when I see claims that it is not economically viable for them to remediate for the environment they extract their profits from. This behaviour is unethical, first and foremost, but also an outright breach of the Sustainable Planning Act of 2009, the Vegetation Management Act, the Environmental Protection Act and the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act of 1999. As a Queensland taxpayer I am furious about the extent of abandoned mines and minerals processing facilities that number in excess of 15,000 sites across the state. I'm very concerned about the use of "fracking" to extract coal seam gas in the Queensland as much of the Great Artesian Basin resides under us and provides inland Australia with much of its freshwater. 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. I severely doubt that companies financial assurance or environmental insurance is unlikely to cover the extent of the damage when things go wrong with mining and unconventional gas as, for one, once a organism has become extinct money cannot replace it and, in regards to polluting the Great Artesian Basin, we, nor can the endemic flora & fauna, cannot drink money once inland water supplies are compromised by fossil fuels. Clearly 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. As, right, now many mining and unconventional gas companies are facing "financial pressure" (try being a university student under the current liberal government) and risk going into administration. These circumstances make the *Environmental Protection (Chain of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2016* necessary and doesn't even address the sociological ramifications related to this issue of which i believe these large companies have a corporate responsibility. I support the ideology that these companies need to support the society that they have exploited for monetary gain and it is their corporate responsibility to fully remediate the land they have extracted resources from BETTER than the condition they have found it in to compensate for residual pollution that they have created for years to come.

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