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Submission to the Agriculture and Environment Committee,

Dear person's on this committee,

Firstly, I want to express my appreciation to the people who have put forward the proposed legislative amendments Environmental Protection (Chain of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2016. This in my opinion has taken some thought and courage in the face of the forces against change.

While it would be better to completely call on moratorium on any further coal mines and unconventional gas wells (due to the unacceptable nature of the pollutants created, damage to water quantity, quality and water tables, atmospheric affects etc) we also as a society need to require by way of such legislation, full responsibility for these environmental consequences. The many decades of 'privatising the profits and socialising the costs' needs to change as soon as possible.

If a company has to pay for damage, then they will be more likely to do their best to avoid it in the first place, and possibly extend their own 'renewables' divisions, rather than continue in fossil fuels.

By NOT requiring companies to be responsible for clean up -(as far as that is even possible), the expenses incurred during the life of these mines and wells, are not accounted for, and so create an artificially skewed economics that is neither fair, accurate or at all life supporting for future generations of all life in this country.

This misrepresentative economic arrangement means that the fossil fuel industry is subsidised in a hidden way, whilst the conversion to renewables and less damaging mining practices are slowed down. Environmental damage continues in the meantime.

It is time to end this subsidy, the 'looking the other way' and pretending that it's all ok because jobs are created, or whatever other excuse is used.

While this legislation isn't going far enough in my opinion, it is a part of the change that is needed. It goes some way to responsibility, accountability and 'closing the escape hatch'. Though only if legislation is properly enforced.

I am an ordinary Queensland woman, and I hardly ever write submissions, but this matters greatly to me for the life of future generations of all species.

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