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I support the proposed legislative amendments proposed in the *Environmental Protection (Chain of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2016* and 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. I support the "polluter pays" principle where those that profit from exploiting the mineral resources which are owned by the people of Queensland leave their sites in a condition without residual environmental impacts.

In particular, the high tailing dams at Yabulu north of Townsville are at risk of collapse following periods of heavy rain. They require regular maintenance to ensure water does not over-top the dam wall and cause catastrophic collapse and consequent Ammonia discharge into Bluewater and Altheus Creeks as happened in the 1990-91 wet season. This resulted in fish kills at the time.

In addition to other concerns, if cheap Nickel ore has been sourced from the Philippines (Lugait) then it will be high in Chromium which will further effect the toxicity of the material in the tailing dams.

Please ensure that miners clean up their mess.

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