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To: [Agriculture and Environment Committee](#)
Subject: Environmental Protection (Underground Water Management) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to express my concerns regarding the impacts of the introduction of the new legislation passed in regards to underground water management as per the bill of September 2016. This piece of legislation appears to be aimed directly at operators of mines in Queensland, and most importantly for myself and my family, the New Acland Coal Mine.

It is my belief that the New Hope Group has, through its Stage 3 EIS and numerous other processes, disclosed all information relevant to its management of water at its operations. Of particular significance is that the company has just finished presenting and arguing its case for its responsible water management practices at New Acland in the Land Court of Queensland. It is my understanding that the rolling out of this new amendment can potentially invoke yet more public comment and perhaps objection processes upon the NAC03 project.

The mine's resource is depleting, and as significant infrastructure items are required to be designed and constructed before development of the proposed new tenements can occur, any further delays could severely impact continued production from the mine. The NAC03 project has been under consideration and review by *both* major parties since 2008. There has been ample time for any government bodies to obtain any relevant information from the company regarding water management. A coal mine cannot be operated with a 12 month or even 2 year business plan in place. Governments must understand this.

I urge you to consider New Hope's responsible past practices and willingness to work with authorities in providing information in the past (including its NAC03 applications), as well as its commitments to local jobs and communities and exempt it from any further delays based around these amendments.

Yours Sincerely,

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