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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Environmental Protection (Underground Water Management) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016**

I am writing to suggest an amendment to this bill, which in general terms is an improvement. However as it stands any project that has already commenced the approvals process will also be caught by this legislation.

A case in point is the New Acland stage 3 coal mine. At great cost to the tax payer and the New Hope Corporation, this project has been through an exhaustive land court process, including at least 2 weeks of evidence on water. Why should a project that has already been through public consultation and the land court be subjected to the same process again?

The bill must be amended to allow for suitable transitional arrangements for projects in the latter stages of the approval process. Without this the New Acland stage 3 mine maybe further delayed. Any further delays to this project will have significant ramifications for Queensland's reputation as a safe place to invest.

Furthermore it places my own employment at significant risk. I relocated my family to Queensland to work for New Hope, however without stage 3 of the New Acland mine I will lose my job and need to leave Queensland to find other employment.

Yours faithfully



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