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Research Director
Agriculture and Environment Committee
Parliament House
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Sir/Madam

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

I am writing to express my displeasure at a piece of legislation that it seems has been constructed to further frustrate the approvals process for coal mines, despite the fact that many of them have diligently followed the lengthy processes as laid down by this Government.

The bill must be amended to allow for suitable transitional arrangements for projects in the latter stages of the approval process. 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? Without this change the New Acland stage 3 mine will be further delayed, and job losses will be inevitable.

This coal mine has a very good environmental record, is profitable, employs locals, and injects a significant amount of money into the Queensland economy each year. I understand the coal it produces is one of the best performing coals in terms of environmental impact, for example it has high levels of hydrogen which means when combusted it produces much less CO2 than other coals.

A further delay to the approvals for New Acland stage 3 places my husband's employment at significant risk. Should the mine not proceed our family will need to leave Queensland in search of other employment.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anjanette Fisher'.

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