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Research Director
Agriculture & Environment Committee
Parliament House
Brisbane QLD 4000

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (UNDERGROUND Water Management) & OTHER LEGISLATION
AMENDMENT BILL 2016

Dear Sir / Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a submission on the above.

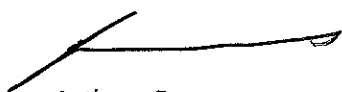
I am extremely concerned of the impact the above amendment bill will have on the Stage 3 expansion at New Acland Coal Mine. The mine is still in the process of approvals from the Land Court and time is running out for the mine to stay operational. Significant jobs in the local and wider area down to Brisbane are at risk.

The following points I would like to raise for your consideration:

- Water use is already under strict regulation from federal laws.
- New Hope uses recycled water from Toowoomba. Biggest water rate payer in Toowoomba.
- Ground water for Acland stage 3 has just gone through an extended land court process.
- Going over this again is duplicating process of Land Court.
- New Acland expansion process has gone on for a ridiculous time period and no further delays should be introduced.
- Consider treating New Acland expansion as an existing mine or as other transitional arrangements, given it has gone through all present required processes over three governments, with Land Court outcome presently due before Christmas.

I work at the Port of Brisbane at the coal loading facility. Diversity is needed across the region and good quality coal has a role to play. My job and the welfare of my family rely on this industry and for the expansion at New Acland to proceed. I am one of many people in this area who will be directly impacted by further delays.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.



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