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Research Director
Agriculture and Environment Committee
Parliament House
Brisbane QLD 4000

Dear Research Director:

I am writing in response to the **Environmental Protection (Underground Water Management) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016**.

I understand I am able to provide comments on this bill and would like to do so particularly in the case of the New Acland Mine Stage 3 Project.

It is clear that the continuity of operations at new Acland Mine will be severely affected by this bill should it be passed in its current form.

Should New Acland be forced to stop production in the transition from current operations to Stage 3, it is likely the following impacts will be seen:

- Several hundred employees of New Acland Mine may have their livelihoods at serious risk
- A large number of those workers will become unemployed
- A significant number of local businesses in the area adjacent to the mine will be at risk
- Logistics providers including below rail (QR), above rail (Aurizon) and port employees (QBH, Port of Brisbane etc.) will also be affected.
- Loss of reputation for Queensland as a preferred state for companies to invest in.

It is difficult for me to understand that a project that first applied for approvals in April 2007, and which has diligently met every requirement throughout that process, can have further hurdles placed at this late stage. The system in Queensland must be broken if it can allow this to happen. We must have better transitional arrangements for current projects in advanced stages of approval to comply.

I write this letter as an employee of a mining company and whose family's livelihood is directly dependent on New Acland Stage 3 being approved and being able to operate continuously from current operations into the Stage 3 project.

Sincerely,

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Anthony Nielsen