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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

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

With reference to the introduction of the Environmental Protection (Underground Water Management) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016. This Bill I believe will impact significantly, in a negative way, on the New Acland Coal Project if they are to apply separately for a water licence.

I have read and understand that New Hope Group have covered the water issue in Land Court(over two weeks) and if this Bill comes out they could have to go for another round of lengthy and costly legal debates in Court. All because of a few objectors, this could negatively impact my local community and also my business with 20 plus staff that relies heavily on the support of the New Hope Group.

The whole of the Darling Downs needs companies like New Hope Coal to invest in the local communities to secure and increase jobs and bolster the economy. I fear that at this late stage any more delays to the project will result in significant job losses, a decline in the local economy and a reduction of royalties paid to the State.

It would make sense to let companies be exempt, such as New Hope Group, that have been through Land Court as part of their approvals process from the requirements to obtain a separate water licence.

Our company relies on the mining industry and understands how this industry keeps communities like ours afloat. It concerns me that the Government did not consult with the sector in regard to the introduction of the Legislation, Especially given the impact the legislation will have on the industry and the communities in which it operates.

Your sincerely
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