From: To:

Agriculture and Environment Committee

Subject: Water Laws Reform

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Dear Research Director for the Agriculture and Environment Committee

It is extremely concerning that a law is being considered to mining companies to access ground water without obtaining a water licence.

The fact that the water would be accessed free of charge is also ludicrous as all other members of society are asked to pay for this vital service.

It is also disturbing that the precautionary principles will not need to be considered before government gives companies permission to access the water.

Does this government want to be remembered for potentially polluting a water source and endangering the lives of stock, wildlife and humans in the process? Will companies pay for this rehabilitation? Or will governments and taxpayers be left with a costly bill to fix the problem and potentially deal with lawsuits. Who will deal with the aftermath? One only has to look at people such as Clive Palmer to see the future of carelessly thought through law reform.

Yours Sincerely

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