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To: [Agriculture and Environment Committee](#)
Subject: I support strengthening Queensland's water laws
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Dear Parliamentarian, and members of the Agriculture and Environment Parliamentary Committee

I am writing from the Lockyer Valley where water is crucial for our crops and it is scarce, there are local disputes that develop because of insufficient water - who pays and who doesn't, who over uses, especially those in the upper catchments.

Your decision of the EPOL Amendment is crucial, and could be another brave measure of your government that will be remembered into the future.

Thank you for the amendment

Judy Whistler Lockyer Valley (Fordsdale)

Water is life and should not be given to mining companies - we need it to be sustainably managed by our governments and v valued for our rural and urban areas,
Please accept this submission on the Environment Protection (Underground Water Management) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 (EPOLA).

Water is crucial to Queensland, for food growing and to maintain healthy ecosystems.

I support the passage of the EPOLA Bill (and the associated Water Legislation Amendment Bill 2015) because it will result in improved protections for groundwater resources over Newman era water laws.

However I would also like to see that the new 'associated water licence' is required to be assessed against the principles of 'ecologically sustainable development'. This will ensure that our ecosystems – on which we all rely – are properly considered when granting water licences.

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