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**Research Director  
Agriculture and Environment Committee  
Parliament House  
BRISBANE QLD 4000**

**To whom it may concern**

I write to you today to voice my concern on the proposed amendments to the Environmental Protection (Underground Water Management) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 – in particular the new underground water rights and obligations and the new approval processes.

I have been an employee at New Acland since 2009 and will this year graduate university with a degree and mining engineering. The lengthy approval process in which New Hope has been involved in for our Stage 3 expansion has me extremely worried that if this new Underground Water Bill requires extra approvals and further delays to the expansion project, my future at New Acland and remaining in the districted will be jeopardised. With the current Stage 2 coal reserves being exhausted mid-2018, New Acland cannot afford any further delays to the project, there have been extensive submission in our EIS and AEIS which cover our management of all water.

I fully support a government who are acting to protect our land and country so that my children can live a life as I have, however introducing new bills and legislation should not be an additional requirement for any business that has gone through the system and scrutiny such as New Acland.

I urge you to consider the effects that this legislation amendment will have on myself, the New Hope employees and the Oakey Community and when you do please ask yourself, does the wants of a few out weight the needs of the many; the many employees who rely on the Acland Mine to provide for their families, the many business throughout the region that gain work from the mine and the many clubs and charities that benefit from the generous donations given by New Hope to support our local community.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Many Thanks

Kylie Smith

Regards,

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