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To: [Agriculture and Environment Committee](#)
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Dear Agriculture and Environment Committee

My name is Samuel David Roach I am a current employee of New hope Group's resource development department and have been for the last 7years and in that time have been working on and around New Acland coal mine

just recently I have become aware of a new underground water bill that is to pass through parliament, and it is quite worrying for my self and I'm sure everyone that has anything to do with New Acland's stage 3 approval and the mine its self.

I am writing this submission to put forward my concerns about the impact of this underground water bill will have on New Acland's stage 3 extension and to ask a question or two be considered

* should a project such as NAC03 that has already been through a very lengthy land court process which was as recent as last month be subject to it again? which I am lead to believe was strongly focused on NAC"s effect on ground water

* could there be any way that exemptions or more transitional arrangements made for projects that are so far along in the approval process such as NAC's stage 3 ?

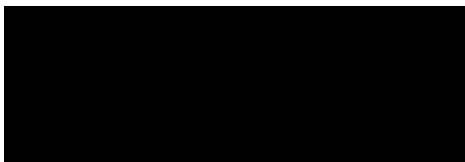
* I work in an industry that has so much uncertainty at the moment and I worry as does my wife how long it will be until I am out of work as well, I really do believe that if this bill passes with out any amendments to it that it could very well spell the end of my career at New Hope, which would be a terrible thing like I said earlier I have been employed by New Hope for 7 years and have been in the industry ever since I finished high school and I have travelled around Australia and have never seen a company that looks after the environment as well as New Hope the commitment to their rehabilitation of there mines I believe is second to none.

As well as there commitment to there employees when the mining sector was dying off New Hope has been one of the very few companies that has done everything in there power to retain as many workers as possible while other companies were slashing jobs, and I just hope that this bill will not be the straw that breaks the camels back so to speak as New Hope has been trying to get their stage 3 extension through for the last 10 years and to have this extra hurdle so close to the finish line would be a terrible thing.

so please when considering the new underground water bill please remember that this bill will not just affect mining companies but the flow on effects to their employees could be disastrous.

Regards,

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