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Dear Sir

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

I am writing with reference Environmental Protection (Underground Water Management) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016

I am concerned that the New Acland Coal mine, almost at the end of their approvals process is now required to apply for an associated water license, this requirement will have significant impact on the project.

I have read the New Hope Group have spent a lot of time in the land court to defend its application, I also understand that over two weeks of court proceedings were set aside to discuss the impact of the mine's expansion on groundwater.

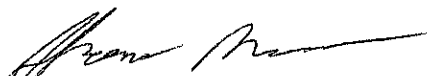
I feel that the introduction of this legislation, will provide yet another platform for a small amount of objector's to oppose the mine's expansion and incur another lengthy and costly debate.

Companies like New Hope are needed around the Darling Downs as they help local communities with projects that they once could not afford to do as well as jobs and opportunities. I feel at this late stage we will start to see job losses and we are already seeing a decline in the economy and this means less money that is paid in royalties to the state.

I would like to suggest that the legislation is amended to exempt companies such as New Hope Group, who have been through the Land Court as part of their approvals process from the requirement to obtain a separate water licence.

As a person who works for a contractor I understand the importance of mining in these local communities that are supported by it. Without the mining in these towns a lot of businesses will suffer but not just locally as it stems on down the line to other businesses outside the area

Regards



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