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Dear Research Director,

Please find below my submission with regards to the introduction of the Environmental Protection (Underground Water Management) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 (Qld) on 13 September 2016.

I am writing to you, requesting your consideration on projects that have already been through public notification. As we are in the later stages of our approvals process, there must be transitional arrangements and recognition for the work that has already been done.

New Hope Group previously provided all the necessary information on the groundwater impacts through the EIS/AEIS process. Through this process this information was then put on public notification twice through Coordinator-General's process and then again when the combined public notice for the mining leases and final draft EA went out. New Hope Group then spent two weeks in Land Court discussing groundwater and its potential impacts.

If this legislation is passed without amendment it will mean New Hope Group will have to provide further information on groundwater. This will be in addition to what has been already supplied to the state government through the Land Court process in order for us to obtain a water licence. This will be a lengthy process and the information we need to provide could take up to 12 months to collect. This will put pressure on maintaining continuity of our mining operations. The public notification period and potential objections could mean that we end up in Land Court again, which would delay our project plan and will have a huge impact on the future of the mining operations.

New Hope Group provides to number of local suppliers and sponsorship programs. If the future of our mining operations is in jeopardy, this will also impact negatively on a larger scale.

As mentioned earlier, if we delay the process, we may not be able to maintain continuity which would mean a reduction in jobs within our company, for me personally, this would have an tremendously negative impact on my life and I will not have the financial support of my job. Having bills and a mortgage, this is a stressful thought, as would be the case for many others whose jobs within the company, or our suppliers who may be in jeopardy should we delay any further.

New Hope Group has spent ample time and resources on getting this far, I ask you to take this into consideration when making your final decision.

Regards,

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