From:

Agriculture and Environment Committee

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

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Hi,

This is a personal email sent from my work account. This email expresses my personal beliefs and not necessarily those of the organisation I work for.

I believe that the introduction of the Environmental Protection (Underground Water Management) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 is not an appropriate, progressive move for Queensland. I believe that parliament is being influenced by the opinions of the minorities. The EIS process addresses all potential impacts for all environmental aspects from an activity. This process is undertaken by technical experts. This process is open to public scrutiny and legal proceedings. To further complicate this process by adding another layer of legislative process where applicants can be challenged in land court will do nothing but deter business in Qld, stir up emotional pressure on landholders who feel they must exploit every avenue, and delay the timing of projects.

For specific reference, the New Acland Coal Stage 3 project should not be subject to this bill if it passes as the relevant aspects have been under review in EIS, and land court with consultation with relevant agencies during the EIS process.

Regards,

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