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To the Agriculture and Environment Committee Parliamentary Committee,

Please accept this submission on the Environmental Protection (Underground Water Management) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 (EPOLA).

I am pleased to see that this Bill improves the upfront assessment of groundwater impacts of mining projects, makes some improvements to make good agreements to the benefit of landholders, and requires that mines like Acland and Carmichael must obtain groundwater licences.

However, I am concerned that the Bill does not go far enough.

I would like to see it amended to ensure that any grant of 'associated water licence' must be assessed against the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development.

Without this amendment, it will deliver only a very weak and limited licensing process. Other amendments that should be considered include:

- Introducing an independent Make Good Commissioner to adjudicate disputes
 - Requiring resource companies to pay for all expert assessments for make good agreements
 - Requiring upfront consideration of the cumulative impacts of proposed mining developments
 - Setting minimum standards and applying a Code of Conduct for make good agreements
- Note as some one who has been involved with ground water & irrigation since it first happened on downs and heard all the arguments where the government tried to stop much of the irrigation water that was being used to grow food, and put restriction on us Now suddenly you to [Indeed are giving multi national companies full steam ahead to use all the water they want, WHY it causes one to wonder is some one paying some one Why do you not represent us the public whom you are supposed to represent us ? and also steward ship of the land, a prime instance is much of the underground water in the USA is so polluted it has to be filtered etc yet you are not learning from this instead you just carry on with no thought for the people or the land Accordingly it is my will that you fix this bill to properly show the people you are fair dinkum about this country and what happens to it

I would like to see this Bill improved for th genuine good of the people of and the land and then passed through the Queensland Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

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