

*"Letting nature take its course"*

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Mining and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012  
Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000  
7/1/13

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Mining and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012.

Overall we have no serious concerns about the Draft Bill, and in fact support most aspects of it.

Our concerns are in regard to the potential environmental impact of mining activities, in particular in relation to wildlife and wildlife habitat, and we would hate to see sensible environmental considerations weakened to progress the mining Industry.

We believe that small (or any) mining activities in or adjacent to waterways should be closely monitored, and waste, including water, from CSG mining must be adequately and appropriately dealt with.

A few months ago a number of kangaroos were found drowned in one of the CSG waste water holding ponds, because the pond was lined with black plastic, and the kangaroos got in for drink, and couldn't get out again. Some carcasses had been there for months.

This should never have happened, and the mining company concerned should have had more sense, and adequately fenced off the pond. This sort of wildlife disaster, and careless environmental management by the miners, doesn't create mining goodwill in the community, or in the community groups.

Inappropriate land clearing in wildlife sensitive areas is another concern. With much of Australia's wildlife habitat destroyed by recent wildfires, any other threat to wildlife and its habitat is of major concern. With many of our smaller native species populations decimated by these fires, any other threats to wildlife, or its habitat, are just plain unacceptable.

As long as these concerns above are adequately addressed, we basically support the new Bill.

Sincerely, Pat

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