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To Whom it May Concern,

I am aware that the Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Bill 2014, was introduced to Queensland Parliament on 5 June as part of a larger 'Governing for Growth' initiative.

In the Bill, the Queensland Government proposes to remove public notification and community rights to object to the Queensland Land Court for, in effect, 90% of proposed mines. This Bill proposes to significantly reduce legal rights for landholders and the general community.

By contrast, the current law provides for public notification of all proposed mines and any person or group is entitled to object to the proposed mine and have the objection heard in open court.

The Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Bill 2014 is flawed in that:

- \* Only 'affected persons' will be able to object to the decision to grant a mining lease tenure. This does not even include neighbours, unless their land is needed for access;

- \* Only 'high risk' mines will be publicly notified for objection on environmental grounds which is predicted to be only 10% of mines in Queensland. This means that for 90% of mines existing public objection rights will be lost; and

- \* Landholder consent provisions currently in place for 'restricted land' (basically, land nearby to homes and businesses) will be totally removed where the proposed mine is open cut.

- \* The Bill reduces public objection rights to environmentally risky projects when community and proper scientific scrutiny is a valuable safeguard against corruption.

The current law provides for public notification of all proposed mines and any person or group is entitled to object to the proposed mine and allowed the transparency to have the objection heard in open court.

In conclusion I call that the Bill be scrapped altogether.

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