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To: [Agriculture Resources and Environment Committee](#)
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Dear Madam/ Sir

I live on one of 3 connected Nature Refuges that already have limited legislative protections. This bill effectively removes all of our right to prevent mining exploration on our properties by objecting, and just as insidious, the right of our neighbours who have farming interests to also object. In effect, if passed, it means that community consultation is unnecessary. Disturbingly it is the 90% of mining approvals that have one less barrier to overcome rather than the 10%. Communities must have a role in stopping the corruption and erosion of the democratic process.

This bill is destructive. It brutalises the concept of democracy and the rights of the individual. I voluntarily protected my property in perpetuity for the sake of future generations of animals, plants and future human community interests. In doing so I voted to stop future development that was insensitive to the environmental, cultural and community values of this place. if a government wont uphold its own legislative protections of the natural environment then I will. By objecting, by protesting, by speaking out.

Without the right to object we have allowed ourselves to become subservient to despots who have no care for anything but profits and power. That's barely a step from totalitarianism, if it isnt already. I object to this bill.

Yours sincerely

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