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To: [Agriculture Resources and Environment Committee; Callide Electorate Office](#)
Subject: Submissions to the Minerals and Energy Bill 2014
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This is a submission to the Minerals and Energy (Common Provisions) Bill 2014.

Re the following clauses:

I object to Clause 245. Limiting community notification and formal objection rights to the Land Court to "site specific" environmental authorities will, in conjunction with the above clauses, remove all existing public rights to lodge formal objections to the Land Court in up to 90% of mining projects in Queensland.

I object to clauses 234 and 242. It is inappropriate to restrict matters that the Land Court can consider and give these powers, such as to consider the 'public interest', to the Minister. Decreasing judicial oversight, increasing ministerial powers and shutting out community participation has worrying implications for corruption.

I object to Clauses 419 and 420. These clauses remove existing community notification rights and rights to object to mining lease applications. Changing land tenure to allow for mining rather than another land use could impact on a broad section of the public. Therefore the narrow definition of an 'affected person' proposed, which would exclude neighbours or community groups or people in the water catchment, is absurd. Land use decision making processes for other industries provide for community submission and appeal rights, so there is no good reason why mining tenure should be exempt from this basic standard.

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Please reconsider all the changes you are considering making.

As a member of the public living in Queensland, I strongly object to the Government eroding the rights of us, the public, in favour of BIG BUSINESS. The Government should not even consider treating Queenslanders on this fashion. So many of these changes are brought in "under the radar" so the average person knows nothing about them until it is too late.

Please respect the rights of us, the ordinary people, and not give all the power to the big businesses. Remember who voted YOU into power.

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