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To: Agriculture Resources and Environment Committee; Callide Electorate Office

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I am writing to strongly protest some of the anti-democracy aspects of the Minerals and Energy Bill 2014. All citiizens must have the the right to ligitimately object to deveopments which could potentially cause harm to the environment and the people of the area. It is well known that the effects of mining extend well beyond the property on which the mine is located. At Moura Dawson mine, the 4th most polluting mine in Australia, there have been overflows of polluted water across our grazing country and into Kianga Creek There have also been flows of toxic water from the nearby Nitrate Plant. The legacy of deadly toxic wasts from Mt Morgan mine lives on 100 years later. With these facts in mind it is essential that neighbours and experts in all fields should have the right to object to a proposed mine.

Having lived in an area dominated by coal mines and now gasdrilling and pipelines we have endured bullying by mining companies and our friend on whose prop0erty a mine was eventually built ,suicided because of the pressure placed upon him This law must not proceed. Quennsland must remain a demacracy . Claudia Stephenson

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