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This is a submission to the Mineral and Energy (Common Provisions) Bill 2014 by Ralph Richardson BE of Tamaree. [REDACTED]

I oppose the following proposed changes on the basis that it removes the rights of the voter to object to a proposal by a non voting entity.

In particular with respect to the the discussion paper:

Limiting the right to object to a mining lease (ML) application to directly affected landholders and local government removes a fundamental right of a democracy, for the people to express their concerns;

Limiting the right to make a submission on (and appeal against) an environmental authority (EA) application to site-specific projects only also puts the interest of big business who can buy lobbying services above those of the voter;

Restricting the matters which the Land Court can consider for a ML objection can corrupt the outcome. All decisions should be made with the best possible information;

Removing the requirement to re-notify an EA application when an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been conducted under the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 (Qld) falls into the same category as above;

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