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Mr Jeff Seeney

I am concerned about the proposed reduction in peoples' rights to be involved in community discussion regarding proposed mines. Historically, mining has often been disastrous for both people and the environment and this is something that concerns many people.

I disagree with the concepts of:

Limiting the right to object to a mining lease (ML) application to directly affected landholders and local government;

Limiting the right to make a submission on (and appeal against) an environmental authority (EA) application to site-specific projects only;

Restricting the matters which the Land Court can consider for a ML objection;
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); and

Removing restricted land status in situations where a miner is granted exclusive surface rights to access land (for example, open cut mines).

I support the current and long-established laws and processes which allow for any person or group to be entitled to object to any mining proposal (both ML and EA) in open court.

Yours Faithfully

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