



Our Condamine Catchment Community with the Capacity to  
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The Research Director  
Agriculture, Resources and Environment  
Committee  
Parliament House  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

**RE: QMDC comments on the Water Reform and Other Legislation  
Amendment Bill 2014**

The Condamine Catchment Management Association is situated in the Queensland part of the Murray Darling Basin. The group is involved in natural resource management through education, dissemination of information, linking community with state government policy and in many other forms and roles. An area which is of great interest to our group and the committee which we work with, is the impact of mining.

While CCMA is a community group with a limited amount of volunteers we do have association with other bodies in the region. One such body is QMDC, who offer their expertise and leadership in certain matters regarding the areas we have an interest in, such as the Water resource planning.

We have worked through the relevant documents with QMDC and would like to add our voice to the key issues that QMDC have identified in their written submission:

QMDC identifies the following as key issues associated with the Amendment:

- Poor assessment and monitoring processes.
- Lack of independent impact assessment of large scale projects.
- The deregulation of water use especially in light of cumulate impacts of increased development and climate variability.
- Weakening of mining water use regulation.
- Incompatibility of objectives contained within the Bill.
- The removal of 'ecologically sustainable development' as one of the purposes of the Act.

We look forward to a positive outcome in this process.

Yours truly

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Secretary CCMA