

SUBMISSION TO THE AGRICULTURAL, RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
 MINES LEGISLATION (STREAMLINING AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 ('Bill')
 Chair Mr Ian Rickiss, MP for Lockyer

ISSUES	BILL	RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO BILL	REASON
Timing of Bills	Delay this Bill – the undemocratic, autocratic haste with which this Bill has been assembled could be interpreted as 'purposeful rushing' of dodgy legislation which encourages further Queensland taxpayer obfuscation and confusion on relevant issues and their future impacts.	Restoration of the semblance of regulatory frameworks by not enacting any of the proposed environmentally devastating amendments to any of the legislation mentioned in the 'Introduction' ie from <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> through to <i>Work Health and Safety Act 2011</i> .	<p>The LNP is on notice for by-passing the previously democratic parliamentary principals by eliminating the 'committee system', regardless of whether or not that system was previously abused.</p> <p>The LNP is abusing their mandate in fast-tracking Bills through Parliament and denying the Queensland taxpayers sufficient scrutinising time.</p> <p>The LNP only does itself a disservice by modeling this 'facist' governance style as voters will be then warned off from voting what they fear will be a 'facist' Federal Liberal government.</p>
Urban Restricted Areas – General	Not addressed	Add in provisions on Urban restricted areas. No new resources exploration or upgrades to production tenures or renewal of tenure within 10 km of the boundary of a locality, land holding or urban centre	<p>Tellingly, the Australian public on social media sites, ask why there has been no Australian overview of the health effects of coal mining on residential areas in coal mining regions.</p> <p>10 km buffer minimums must be enforced as there is evidence from other countries of coal operations-related health issues.</p> <p>Coal mining communities in West Virginia USA, after a review of health conditions was</p>

			<p>conducted, were found to have been prone to an increased risk of developing cardiopulmonary disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, hypertension, other lung diseases and chronic kidney disease.</p> <p>Again, the LNP and coal and CSG corporates have nowhere to hide because increasingly social media sites, unearth all the fossil fuelled insidious health risks. Death rates for the abovementioned diseases were higher in coal-mining areas compared to non-mining areas.</p> <p>Each phase of the coal's industry life-cycle produces negative health effects through pollutants. 10 km buffer zones are not just recommendations, they must be made mandatory.</p>
<p>Environmental Restricted Areas</p>	<p>Not addressed</p>	<p>Add in section on environmental restricted areas. No new exploration or upgrades to production tenures or renewal of tenure within a nature refuge or within 10 km of the boundary of a nature refuge</p>	<p>To encourage and promote tourism and to prevent bird' wrecks', the 10 km buffer zone is essential. Irrefutable evidence in Australia and elsewhere has documented massive 'bird wrecks' which heralded early warning signs of environmental lead and mercury pollution.</p> <p>These are direct consequences of injudicious commercial and fossil fuelled development in sensitive habitats.</p> <p>Nature has a role to fulfill and cannot continue to be abused by short term destructive industries.</p>

Public Submission Periods			
New Ministerial power to grant and renew mining leases and petroleum leases	Proposes new Ministerial Power to grant and renew mining leases and petroleum leases.	Delete clause 20	<p>Scrutinising by the Governor in Council; i.e. Cabinet acting on the advice of Ministers, must be reinstated.</p> <p>In Queensland modern technology has enabled the voting public to be in touch with Coal and CSG operations and their negligent 'regulatory' methods. The 'technologically enabled' transparency translates to voting public scrutiny in light of escalating social media evidence of corrupt practices in attempts by Coal and CSG corporate to bury particulate generated diseases and corrupt 'regulatory' practices.</p>
Public access to information	Not released		The Public are still gathering information from media sites. As such, they have been given no scrutinising time to interpret data and form well-balanced opinions.