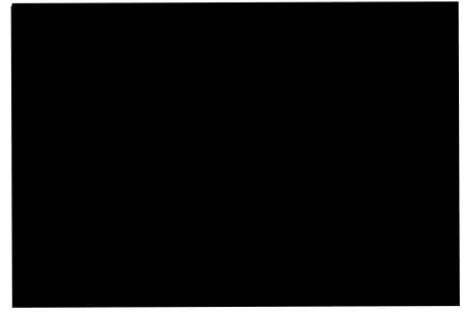


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Re: Mines Legislation (Streamlining) Amendment Bill 2012

Submissions close Wednesday 8 August 2012

To whom it may concern,

Please accept my submission on Mines Legislation (Streamlining) Amendment Bill 2012

I can only hope that there are other persons who have had more time than myself to object to this legislation or make any kind of valid submission. I find it hard to believe that seven days notice is considered sufficient for any individual to read, digest and reply to the extent of this legislation.

I would also like the reader of this letter to pass on the fact that I have been unable to open the links that are set up to access submission information and other notes on this legislation. Everytime I have tried to click on the link/s supplied the website closes down with an erro message.

Therefore I am essentially 'guessing' what I should be commenting on based on feedback I have received from others-and that is 'assuming' you will accept this submission at this time.

Please see possible points for consideration on the next page.

The Bill should include (but by no means exclusive):

- provisions on Urban Restricted Areas to stop grant and applications for mining and gas tenures within 4km of small communities and urban areas.
- Banning of mining and coal seam gas drilling (or other petroleum license activities) in areas zoned for urban development or that have already been subdivided to allow for such development.
- That where land (including homes and other assets) is compulsorily acquired the acquisition must be done in good faith reimbursing the land-owner to an amount which would give him/her a valid expectation of buying a replacement for what they currently own. In other words it should not be based on 'market value' but on 'replacement value'.
- Banning of drilling on a land mass until the connectivity of the substrata is established and it can be definitively said that the products of the drilling or the materials used in drilling cannot leak into underground water tables.
- That the collective effect of a mining activity is taken into account on an endangered (vulnerable or threatened) species and/or eco-system not just the individual effect in that area with false claims that the damage can be 'off-set'.
- That the term 'off-set' can only be used where there is a valid expectation that this is possible – for example 'off-setting' a forest is not possible when you can not plant or create fully grown trees and the eco-system that occurs within this forest.
- That the reasonable effects on the human and Flora and fauna populations in the area of the proposed activity are taken into account during the approval process. For example if the open cut mine was to create dust clouds that regularly affect the people in its path making their (rain)water unpalatable and their lives a misery then this activity would need to be banned or curtailed (or home 'compulsorily acquired' as per the above point)- or also including --How will noise, dust and increased traffic affect the local community and its environs (including the local fauna)?
- What are the by-products of the mining or drilling processes? Mining or drilling should not be allowed to proceed until the miner can prove they have a management plan that deals adequately with their waste. For example- when they bring up mountains of salt and store it in evaporation ponds on flood plains- this is not 'adequate'.
- In the case of mining the impact of the truck movements generated is normally taken into account- in the case of CSG drilling (or other petroleum license related activities) other infrastructure for transport of the substance in question should also be taken into account in the approval process- For example the effect on the land/environment/Flora/Fauna etc etc of land clearing for the pipelines, rail lines and roads.
- What water is used in the mining/drilling process? This should come under the same water acts that farmers and others have to comply with to use water.
- Where cultural or heritage values are likely to be affected by the proposed activity the persons involved must be consulted and this activity should cease.

Yours sincerely,



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