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Environments and Governance Committee Brisbane, QLD

Dear People,

We strongly support the recommendations about these proposed changes to the FA process for mining in Queensland as outlined by the EDO office in Brisbane. Clearly mine operators have gotten away with lumbering the taxpayers with exorbitant costs as they have mismanaged their sites, and walked away from their obligations. This must be stopped , which is why transparency and financial assurances must be strengthened in the manner EDO recommends.

In addition, we would like to add a comment about allowing open pit holes to be left behind by mine operators, something that should not be legal.

There is growing evidence that surface water can be drained into these open pits, which are full of toxic levels of mineral and chemical deposits, actually taking ground water away from surrounding areas. This must be stopped!

Respectfully, Jonathan Peter