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Dear Committee Secretary,

RE Submission to parliamentary committee inquiry into the Mineral and Energy Resources (Financial Provisioning) Bill 2018

I find it incomprehensible that governments in the past have been so singularly unwilling to adequately protect our land.

We regularly hear news of environmental catastrophes during flood events, where huge holes in the ground which contain toxic minerals overflow into surrounding watercourses. Did this probability never occur to our politicians and bureaucrats?

I fail to understand why EISs have not in the past resulted in better mine control and rehabilitation, and why it has taken so long for some reforms to be undertaken.

The proposed bill however is a step in the right direction. I support the following provisions of the bill:

- Mandated Progressive Rehabilitation and Closure plans, to be open for public consultation.
- Rehabilitation milestones - these must however be strictly adhered to and carefully monitored, the cost of monitoring being factored into financial assurance.
- Financial assurance must be provided by all operators, adequate to cover costs of rehabilitation should the company fail or cease to operate.

The following should also be considered:

- There must be full transparency in all of the processes involved in the development of mines. All processes must be open to public scrutiny. Taxpayers should not have to pay the costs of rehabilitation when the mine operators have made big profits from land which is the heritage of all Australians. The future of this country is important to us all.
- Residual risk payments should be part of financial assurance.
- Mine sites must not be left as huge holes in the ground which expose surrounding areas to toxic substances. Rehabilitation plans should show in great detail how

these holes are to be filled.

I congratulate the committee on the progress made, and urge you to consider the three additional points above.

Yours sincerely,

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