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Subject: Re: Submission to parliamentary committee inquiry into the Mineral and Energy Resources (Financial Provisioning) Bill 2018
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Committee Secretary
Economics and Governance Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Committee Secretary,

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

My partner and I moved our family to Qld because of the natural beauty of this vast State and its endless natural wonders to explore. We live here, we work here, and we want our family to grow and thrive in this beautiful environment.

The natural resources of this State belong to its people and **not** for the profiteering of large multi-nationals. The rorting of our weak environmental controls has got to stop. Queenslanders should not have to pay for the cost of a mine's rehabilitation **as well as** having to bear the brunt of the long term damage this industry does to our environment.

There must be more accountability from the companies that profit over exploiting our natural places, and they must be held responsible for rehabilitating and properly caring for the site after their operations are complete. It should not be **my tax dollars** that have to fix up the problems once the directors and company executives have taken their millions and absconded from their duties.

So we support the provisions in the Bill that:

- require proponents to explicitly plan up front how they intend to leave a site once they have finished mining it through a Progressive Rehabilitation and Closure Plan (PRC Plan)
- all proponents having to provide some form of FA so that accounting for rehabilitation costs of are factored into the viability of the mine from the outset.

We believe that the Bill still needs to be amended in order to:

- totally prohibit voids being left by miners
- ensure the cost of the rehabilitation and limit of impacts to the tenure site do not become excuses to not rehabilitate
- ensure public scrutiny is available of the risk assessment undertaken for companies, and the FA contribution and form required
- Properly enforce the conditions of environmental approvals and ensure these are fully transferable to any new owners or managers of the site, and are made regardless of the sites changing profitability.

Thank you for your consideration and giving the community the opportunity to contribute.

Regards

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