

Committee Secretary
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Dear Committee Secretary

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

I live in Queensland and have concerns about the existing proposals contained in the above Bill.

While supporting certain provisions such as those relating to Progressive Rehabilitation and Closure Plans, they should open for public consultation before the mine is granted authority; enforceable rehabilitation milestones.

However, the Bill must prevent voids being left after mining has occurred, costs being used to exempt rehabilitation; public scrutiny of associated risks of proposals; the option of judicial review of all decisions regarding financial assurance or oversight.

Moreover, the QTC Report recommends that a payment and process be implemented to account for residual risks left from a closed resource site, to protect the state against the damage of mine sites that continue long after the mine has been closed. Unfortunately this was not included in the Bill as it is still being considered by the State Government.

Yours sincerely

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