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To whom is in government,

Can you please ensure that adequate legislation is passed to ensure that proponents of mining/resource projects are made, by law to rehabilitate leased areas, and held accountable, by law to rehabilitate areas that have been utilised by such proponents to make profit.

Financial assurance is given by the proponent to rehabilitate the affected area to an environmental standard similar to the ecology that exists, prior to the project commencing, wholly by the proponent, NOT by the QLD taxpayer.

Also legislation that protects Queenslanders from being financially burdened by the mining proponent if they are to leave 'voids' after extraction, liquidation or commodity price fluctuations that adversely affects the viability of the project

If QLD taxpayers are being asked to provide funds for rehabilitation on more than a few occasions then resource companies it would seem to me to have failed business models and it would also appear that current laws are either too weak or inherently flawed. I have just been informed that there are up to 15,000 abandoned mine sites in QLD! Therefore current QLD laws are weak, flawed and failing Queenslanders.

Therefore it is imperative this situation is rectified and current laws overhauled, strengthened and reinforced to provide better financial, and better environmental outcomes for Queensland and its constituents.

Further to this proponents must show that they intend rehabilitate by having Progressive Rehabilitation Closure Plan which states how they intend to leave a site, with rehabilitation milestones that are enforceable by law and available for public scrutiny, thereby reducing further, ongoing public expense! A Residual Risk Payment is a further essential element in Financial Assurance and Rehabilitation Reform to reduce the likelihood of further financial burden on the people of Queensland

Best regards

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Sent from my iPhone