

Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022

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Submitter Comments:

Dear Secretary, Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Health and Environment Committee (HEC) on the Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 (the Bill) introduced into the Queensland Parliament on 12 October 2022, on behalf of Idemitsu Australia. Idemitsu Australia supports the submission made by the Queensland Resources Council (QRC) on behalf of its members and the coal mining industry on October 26, 2022. Idemitsu Australia strongly supports all aspects covered in the submission by the QRC. Idemitsu strongly supports the QRC position on the four key issues covered in the submission, being: • Early refusal of projects without undertaking an assessment on the merits. • A change to the threshold for public notification of environmental authority amendment applications. • Emergency situations - The overriding of Section 23 (which currently gives priority to emergency legislation in emergency situations), while creating more green tape in those emergency situations. • An extension to executive officer liability without creating a corresponding extension to the available defences. Idemitsu Australia would welcome further consideration by the Committee in seeking amendments to the Bill to deliver this legislation in a practical and effective way. Best Regards, Steve Kovac CEO Idemitsu Australia

Submitter Recommendations:

Idemitsu Australia supports the recommendations as outlined in the submission made by the Queensland Resources Council (QRC) on behalf of its members and the coal mining industry on October 26, 2022.