

Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee

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This is a submission to the Water Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 (WLA).

I note the changes that the WLA makes to the Water Reform and Other Legislation Amendment Act (WROLA). I am deeply concerned that Part 4 of WROLA gives the mining industry a statutory right to take underground water and removes current requirements for them to get a water licence.

Failure to revoke Part 4 of WROLA breaches promises that were made by the Qld ALP to restore community objection rights against mining, because it removes the democratic right of adjoining landholders to object to the provision of water licences to miners.

I regard the possibility of such a broken promise as a serious betrayal of Labor voters throughout the State.

Thank you.