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Mr David Gibson MP, Member for Gympie
Chair, State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Via email: sdiic@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Gibson,

New Hope Group (NHG) is supportive of the Government's aim to provide strategic direction and specific policy to deliver regional outcomes which align with the state's interests in planning and development. We are also supportive of coexistence between the agriculture and resource industries, being the best outcome for the State, for these regions and for regional communities.

NHG recognises that the RPI Bill 2013 identifies broad policy outcomes, but from an operational point of view it is very difficult to identify the practical consequences without knowing the details that will be in the Regulations, which are not yet available, but are afforded extensive powers by the RPI Bill 2013. These Regulations should be developed in close consultation with key stakeholders and in a timely manner and we would appreciate the opportunity to be involved.

The RPI Bill 2013, as drafted, will also have unintended consequences for both the resources and the agricultural sectors. Many additional aspects have been introduced in the RPI Bill 2013 which in some ways do not achieve the initial intent of protecting Priority Agricultural Land Uses (PALUs) within Priority Agricultural Areas (PAAs), whilst still promoting co-existence with the resources sector.

NHG recognises the difficulties and challenges that the State Development Infrastructure and Industry Committee (SDIIC) will have in reviewing the RPI Bill 2013, in establishing operational consequences, unintended consequences and best mechanisms to promote and implement the desired outcomes.

NHG has interests in both the resource and agricultural sectors; NHG has in its portfolio mining operations and pastoral holdings and believes that encouraging coexistence of both industries is a way of securing a balanced economic growth for the State.

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NHG is an example of how the two industries can co-exist; we would be pleased to offer to the SDIIC a site visit to our New Acland mine where co-existence can be seen first-hand.

If you require further information, please contact Kylie Gomez Gane on (07) 3418 0563 or alternatively by email at kgomezgane@newhopegroup.com.au.

Yours faithfully,
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