

State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee

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Dear Chair and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to write this submission and support the Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018.

I support the Bill's intent to terminate existing coal mining leases in the Galilee Basin, and prohibit grant of new coal mining leases for land in the Galilee Basin.

In addition, I believe it should be amended to prevent all new thermal coal and gas projects in Queensland.

I am in support of this bill and the proposed addition for the following reasons:

Scientific evidence is overwhelming that we need to leave all coal in the ground from now on.

If we continue to mine and burn coal, climate breakdown cannot be stopped.

Most of the living world will not survive climate breakdown and those who do will have to live under conditions we cannot even yet comprehend.

We all have a moral duty to stop climate breakdown.

If we are to have any hope of saving our unique Great Barrier Reef, we need to stop burning coal.

Australia has committed to taking action to reduce the risks of climate change. If Australia – and Queensland - are to take our commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions seriously, we must stop thermal coal mining.

We need to do everything we can to meet our commitments to limit global warming to below 1.5 degrees.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission.

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