

**From:** [Antony McRae](#)  
**To:** [State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Submission on the Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018  
**Date:** Wednesday, 9 January 2019 3:54:18 PM

---

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing this submission in support of the Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018.

If we are to have any hope of stopping catastrophic climate change and saving our precious Great Barrier Reef, we need to do everything we can to meet our commitments to limit global warming to below 1.5 degrees.

It is noteworthy that climate change induced sea level rise will also have serious national security implications relating to the displacement of millions of persons currently residing in low lying coastal areas, loss of arable land etc, both abroad and within Australia. Governments need to be courageous and show true leadership by doing what is best for future generations even if it jeopardizes the immediate future of the party or individual, in political terms.

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 to ensure we are doing all that we can to reduce the risks of dangerous climate change.

We have only one world sharing an atmosphere and ocean. Let history show that QLD did its part to protect the globe and the future of humanity.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission.

Sincerely,

Antony McRae  
BSc (Geology & Environmental Chemistry) - James Cook University of NQ