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Dear Sir

RE: Council response to Queensland Parliamentary inquiry into the Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018

Reference is made to the call for submissions regarding the abovementioned matter. Council understand that the Bill proposes to:

- Prohibit the granting of a coal mining lease for land in the Galilee Basin;
- Terminate any existing coal mining leases for land in the Galilee Basin;
- Amend any existing coal mining leases which overlap with land in the Galilee Basin to exclude that land;
- Confirm that no compensation is payable to the mining lease holders affected by the Bill; and
- Require the mines minister to table a report in the Legislative Assembly summarising the actions taken under the provisions of the Bill.

The Galilee Basin is partly located within the south-west corner of the Charters Towers Region and represents a key resource area for our community. Should such an amendment be passed through the parliament, such an outcome would have adverse economic and social impacts for the Region and be unacceptable.

As such, Council do not support the proposed Bill and remain supportive of sustainable exploration and extraction of coal into the future.

Should you have any questions in relation to the above, please contact Council's Senior Manager Planning and Development, Matthew Kelly on [REDACTED]

Kind regards

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Chief Executive Officer

