

State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee

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Dear Chair and Committee,

I write in support of the Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018.

Queensland is at the front line of the negative consequences of climate change with intensifying storms and deeper droughts, bleaching of the Great Barrier Reef and coastal erosion and inundation due to rising sea levels.

It is also blessed with solar resources that are world leading, and likewise excellent prospects for wind energy projects like the Big Kennedy project currently being planned by Australian company Windlab.

To continue digging up stably geo-sequestered carbon deposits (coal) for burning and conversion to planet heating carbon dioxide is far worse than Nero fiddling as Rome burnt.

If we are to have any chance of meeting the global goal agreed in Paris of no more than 1.5C global warming, we need to move quickly to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The easiest way to do this is to replace fossil fuels used in stationary energy production. And the highest emissions of greenhouse gases are produced by coal burning for stationary energy.

Which means coal deposits like the Galilee Basin need to stay in the ground.

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.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission.

Sincerely,
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(a regular visitor to Queensland)

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