

State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee

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Committee Secretary
State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

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

New information on climate change makes immediate action critical. Every action since the IPCC report from every government will be judged on whether it helps ensure a future for our planet or if it was negligent verging on criminal. If we are to have any hope of stemming climate change and saving any of our Great Barrier Reef, we need to do everything we can to meet our commitments to limit global warming to below 1.5 degrees.

The rest of the world has to be considered in this decision. India is turning to solar and stopping new mines meaning there won't even be a market for the coal. It's poor quality and we face immense risks to our reef and groundwater for a product where the market is rapidly disappearing. The price will drop putting Adani under pressure to cut corners substantially environmental increasing risks for our country. The chance of being around to clean up any messes are remote in the extreme. The 4 corners episode exposed the company as corrupt and environmental vandals. They have already had a spill and refusing to pay the (entirely inadequate) fine. The rest of the world also expects us to be meeting our targets, which we are not, rather than further putting pressure by digging up dirty coal.

I look at my 5 year old and wonder whether he'll get to see the reef and worry about the works he will be inheriting. This bill gives me hope that we could be moving in the right direction.

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.

Kind regards
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