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Purpose:

**Submission on the Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018**

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

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

Recently, with the release of the IPCC SR15 [report], it has become clearly apparent that our planet is at a climate crisis point:

- Global carbon emissions continue to increase, despite efforts thus far.
- CO2 concentrations continue to increase, now above 405ppm.
- Arctic ice, glaciers, Antarctic ice-shelves, and permafrost are all disappearing (thawing) at an incredible rate.

A “war effort” is needed to stop and reverse climate change catastrophe. This level of commitment requires the entire world to unite under a single goal, to drastically change the way we use the resources of the planet – we must begin now by refusing to allow any coal-mining in the galilee basin.

I support the Bill's intent to terminate existing coal mining leases in the Galilee Basin and prohibit granting 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.

I also most certainly confirm my support that no compensation is payable to the mining lease holders affected by the Bill.

I do not believe that the plans offered by mining companies are adequate to protect the habitat of the native birds in the galilee basin – relocation rarely works effectively and will result in the Black-throated Finch being wiped out from this area. I want to see this bird in my lifetime and I do not trust profit-driven mining companies to adequately protect this environment.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission.



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