State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee

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Dear Chair and Committee Members,

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

At this point in 2018 Queensland has witnessed incredible climate change induced disasters (fires and intense rain events) that clearly demonstrate the pressing need to urgently work towards mitigating human impact upon the planetary climate system.

It is unconscionable for the government of Queensland, of whatever political persuasion, to continue to support industries operating within our state borders that contribute to the likelihood of these disasters occurring more frequently.

If we are to have any hope of stopping catastrophic climate change and saving even some of the Great Barrier Reef, the jewell in Queensland's crown, we need to do everything we can to meet our commitments to limit global warming to below 1.5 degrees.

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.

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