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Dear Chair and Committee Members,

I wish to express my support for the *The Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018*.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has warned we need to phase out coal as an energy source in the next two decades or face the consequences of a runaway global increase in temperatures, including near total destruction of our precious coral reefs. Australia is a signatory of the Paris climate agreement and must do its part to reduce CO2 emissions. Unfortunately little is being done at the Federal level and the States must take up the mantle.

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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