

State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee

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Dear Committee Secretary,

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

I would like to see action that will contribute to limiting our global warming to below 1.5 degrees. I would also like to see the threat of losing one of the seven wonders of the world – The Great Barrier Reef, taken seriously and would like the Government of Queensland to be doing everything possible to save this iconic natural wonder, and to take responsible action and lead by example on minimising global warming.

The loss of the Great Barrier Reef would not just mean the loss of an extraordinary level of marine biodiversity, the cost of losing those environmental services and the loss in economic terms of the tourism dollar would be catastrophic to the communities of Queensland.

I find it totally irresponsible, particularly with the knowledge we have of the environmental impacts, to grant anyone a licence to remove an enormous amount of fossil fuels from the earth. We should be leading by example, and put the wellbeing of our future generations and their planet ahead of easy money, most of which will go offshore.

If we assessed the value of environmental services related to keeping the coal in the ground, I'm sure there would be no argument for extracting them. By this I am talking about:

- locking up carbon, so that it is not contributing to global warming and ocean acidification
- climate regulation associated with the coal being locked up, rather than converted to carbon dioxide.
- maintaining healthy and productive land in the area of the basin
- keeping astounding quantities of groundwater in the ground, so that the water can service the environment and be accessed by our struggling farmers.
- Significantly help in taking the pressure off the Great Barrier Reef, in terms of environmental pollutants, sea temperature increase, ocean acidification, inevitable shipping accidents etc.

I fully support the Bill's intent to terminate existing leases in the Galilee Basin, and prohibit any future coal mining leases in the Galilee Basin. I feel that amendments should go further to prevent all future thermal coal and gas projects in Queensland to ensure that Australia shows some strong leadership on climate change and pollution. I would like to see strong leadership from the committee, as you have the chance to put the health and liveability of our planet and future generations ahead of profits from non-renewable resources. Extracting these resources will severely contribute to climate change and global warming and many associated environmental impacts. I don't consider that anybody has the right to change the world so significantly for the worst, so now is our chance to prevent this.

Thank you for the opportunity to lodge this submission, and please consider.

Yours sincerely,

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