

To: The Committee Secretary
Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill
c/o Georges St
Brisbane (Qld) 4000

10th January 2019

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

I wish to support of the Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018 to be noted.

I support the objectives of the Bill to contribute to Australia's commitments to pursue efforts to keep global warming below 1.5deg above industrial levels by 2100. The objectives of the bill will be assisted by, preventing coal mining in the Galilee Basin.

It is urgent that not only Queensland but also all Australians commence action against the warming of our planet. Australia has made a commitment that should be fulfilled.

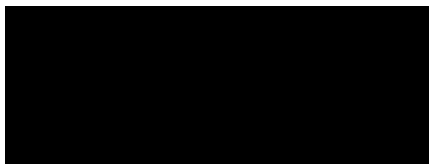
I also support the intent of the Bill to terminate existing coal mining leases in the Galilee Basin, and prohibit grant of new coal mining leases for land in the Galilee Basin.

Furthermore, 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.

Compensation to mining leaseholders may be difficult but I believe it should not be paid.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission.

Maureen Webb



The objective of the bill is to contribute to Australia's commitments to pursue efforts to keep global warming below 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels by 2100 by preventing any coal mining in the Galilee Basin.

The Bill proposes amendments to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* to:

- prohibit the granting of new coal mining leases for land in the Galilee Basin;
- terminate existing coal mining leases for land in the Galilee Basin;
- amend existing coal mining leases which overlap with land in the Galilee Basin to exclude that land;

- confirm that no compensation is payable to the mining lease holders affected by the Bill; and
- require the mines minister to table a report in the Legislative Assembly summarising the actions taken under the provisions of the Bill.

EDO Qld supports the legislative intent of this Bill. **If**

Queensland and Australia are to take our commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions seriously we must stop thermal coal mining.

Significant proposed exploitation of Australia's Galilee Basin coal deposits in Central Queensland is incompatible with effective action on climate change and is incongruous with any government policy attempting to address and mitigate climate change impacts.

This includes the approval of the Adani Carmichael mine, which if built would be the largest thermal coal mine in the southern hemisphere; at a time when Australia has committed to taking action to reduce the risks of climate change.

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Bill could go further to address all new thermal coal and gas proposals

This is the bill that could stop Adani.

The Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018—currently before the Queensland Parliament—is a potential game-changer in the fight to protect our Great Barrier Reef from catastrophic global warming.

It's crunch time for the Great Barrier Reef and the stakes couldn't be higher.

Adani claims they are on the verge of securing funding for their Carmichael mega-mine, a move which would open up the vast Galilee Basin to more coal exploration and mining.¹

Meanwhile, 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 near total destruction of our precious coral reefs.²

The science is clear – to save the Great Barrier Reef we need to keep coal in the ground.

Help stop coal mining in the Galilee Basin – make a submission using our email tool in support of the Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018 before Queensland Parliament.

We highly recommend using your own words as much as possible.

Even a few extra sentences added to our suggested text will help your submission to stand out.

Submissions to Parliament are most effective when they are polite, respectful, and clearly-reasoned.

Submissions close 1 Feb 2019

Background

On 31 October 2018, Mr Michael Berkman MP, Member for Maiwar, introduced the Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018 into the Queensland Parliament.

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The Climate Council of Australia concluded in [this 2015 Report](#) that over 90% of Australia's remaining coal reserves must be left in the ground, unburned if we are to have any hope of meeting the Paris Commitment of 2 or 1.5 degrees Celsius.

The Climate Council also stated in this [2017 Report](#) that 'New gas power plants are less polluting than coal, however, when the entire supply chain of gas production is considered, gas is not significantly less polluting than coal. Current levels of reliance on gas power in Australia must be reduced to play our role in limiting global temperature below 2°C. Expanding gas usage is inconsistent with

tackling climate change as it locks in emissions for decades into the future.’

EDO Qld recommends that the Bill could therefore be extended 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.

As the custodians of our Great Barrier Reef, which is under serious threat from predominantly climate change impacts, we have an even greater duty to do all that we can to ensure that global emissions are reduced and dangerous climate change is avoided.

See the Bill and supporting instruments here:

[Mineral Resources \(Galilee Basin\) Amendment Bill 2018](#)

[Explanatory Notes](#)

[Introductory speech](#)

What's next?

The Bill has been referred to the State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee.

Submissions close: 4pm, Friday, 1 Feb 2019

Public hearing: Monday, 4 Mar 2019 - Brisbane

Regional public hearing: Tuesday 5 Mar and
Wednesday 6 Mar 2019 - TBC

Committee Report due date: Tuesday, 30 Apr 2019

Once the committee's report has been tabled, the Government has three months to respond to the report's recommendations (if any). At that time, the Government Response will be published on the inquiry webpage.

Making a submission

Submissions should be sent to:

Committee Secretary

State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural
Industry Development Committee

Email: sdnraidc@parliament.qld.gov.au