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To: [State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee](#)
Subject: Submission on the Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018
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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.

Be the legislation to make a difference and brings Australian policy and consciousness into the 21st century, take from example the work of intelligent well developed nations of Europe angling every effort away from unsustainable practices and environmental degradation at every government level. Businesses will always market their practices as being forward thinking and beneficial for the people of the nation but the government needs to hear the people and the needs of the environment now more than ever. Our country has become one of great excessive consumption with little practice or thought for regeneration, half of QLD is in drought this year and we are considering approving huge levels of free water access from a major source in a drought stricken state, dredging of one of the largest living collective organisms on the planet to allow cargo boats to pass further polluting an already suffering region, all for an offshore company utilising loaned money with a very dark history of environmental damage and ecological 'mishaps' and little attention to regeneration efforts or responsibility for affects laid upon local people. All of this negative influence sold under the guise of cheap clean energy and the promise of a handful of jobs in the local area, of which a significant portion already promised to overseas employees. This can not be the way of the future for Australia, we are a rich country with access to so much of the world's information and technology, we can and we must learn from the mistakes that precede us here and abroad so not to regret destroying both an environmental wonder of the world, our nation's water and agricultural backbone and our future generations hope and trust that their leaders could make clear broad spectrum decisions for the betterment of us collectively

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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