

State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee

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Dear Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Tracey Grima. I am 42 years old, about to turn 43. I am writing this submission in support of the Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018. My anxiety about my kids future has never been so bad and looking back, we had the opportunity to do something about it when I was 10 and we didn't.

My mother and I used to shop in Cairns with our plastic containers for the basics like laundry powder, soaps, laundry detergent etc. This shop closed down not long after the first big Woolworths came into town. I used to nag her at the age of 12 to use less electricity, fill the washing machine with clothes before washing, empty the bath water via a hose into our garden to conserve water. All this interest in the environment seemed to have stopped. I stopped worrying about it too along the line. Now I've had kids and I'm looking back wishing I had of had a backbone and been more courageous to learn more and do something that I could be proud of.

Today, I write to you to oppose the Adani Mine. We don't need this. We don't want it, we don't want to be bullied by rich people who manipulate media, politicians, whoever they can to get what they want. I oppose the Adani Mine.

My first job was on Green Island on the Great Barrier Reef. My dream has been to take my kids to this island and show them how I used to snorkel on my lunch break. You could walk right off the beach and start snorkeling and see turtles, fish, coral - it was amazing and spectacular. Three years on and 17/18 years of age, you had to go out more than 25 metres to see the same thing. I spoke out to a few and it was all based on overpopulating the island people said. I bought it, not knowing any different really. I'm sure that didn't help but I know different now. My kids will not see where my first job was and if they do, it was resemble nothing like it was. Alive, amazing, spectacular, an income for thousands of people including myself, a water paradise. Can we please do everything we can to salvage what we can of our climate. It's too late to be making excuses to not act. WE NEED TO ACT AND WE NEED TO ACT NOW.

For all the firefighters out there that will have to work harder, in more dangerous conditions, for all the lads that have to work in construction and are so wrecked and exhausted from working in extreme heat every day to support their families that they're too tired to do anything, for my kids who ask questions every day about climate change and I want to be honest but let them still be kids and not scare them...

My generation have failed our climate but we can change our choices today and make better ones. Allowing this Adani mine will crush Australia, all over the world we will continue to be a joke. Different Prime Ministers by people in the same party stabbing each other in the back, not doing enough, actually taking coal into parliament, not respecting our children in any way, shape or form.

All I want is for my kids to have a brighter future in a safer world, not more money, not lower taxes, not anything but this.

For the above reasons, 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 taking the time to consider this submission.

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