

Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018

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Dear Chairperson and Committee,

I am writing this submission to support the Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018.

I want to see EVERYTHING possible done to preserve our wonderful great Barrier Reef. Two of my adult children began their working lives in the tourist industry, working in the Whitsunday Islands, catering for international and national love and awe of this, our greatest natural icon; our drawcard for tourists from the 4 quarters of the world.

We MUST do everything in our power to protect the reef. We cannot leave anything to chance. Nor can we necessarily trust any commitments or assurances by big businesses whose driving motivation is financial gain.

This is not the only issue. We don't need coal. We don't need non-renewable polluting sources of electricity in a country which has constant free access to renewable non-polluting energy sources. Keep the coal in the ground to help limit global warming to below 1.5 degrees, and ensure the survival not only of the Australian Great Barrier Reef, but of ecosystems and human populations world-wide.

I support the Bill's intent to both terminate existing coal mining leases in the Galilee Basin, and to prohibit the granting of new coal mining leases for land in the Galilee Basin.

I believe that no new thermal coal and gas projects in Queensland should be permitted, in order 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.

Brenda Hawke

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