

Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018

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Dear Chair and Committee Members,

I respectfully hope that you will read this, but I imagine that there will be many submissions in huge "for" and "against" piles. If one of you is reading this - then respect and a huge thanks! You have the ability to make or break our climate future, and the future of the environment in and around the Galilee Basin.

I know this submission is about the Mineral Resources Amendment Bill, 2018. However, I want to address firstly some emotive issues that have been raised to support mining and potentially oppose The Bill. While I am a Victorian, I care passionately about the management and conservation of the Great Barrier Reef. As you know, it is not only a unique tourist attraction for visitors both in and from outside Australia, but it is one of the great marvels of the world. There is still time, but only just, for the new developments in coral science, along with proper stewardship and care to repair and conserve what is left.

I do care also about the hinterlands of the Galilee Basin - the farmers, local towns and communities, and the indigenous land and land groups. I understand and care about the people who need jobs in the area. I think the economics is clearly on the side that conserving and developing tourism, eco tourism and development of renewable energy farms in suitable areas, alongside the provision of training, upskilling and investment development in these areas of employment for the local communities, would be far more constructive and provide permanent ongoing employment and community development for future generations. Mineral exploitation of fossil fuels in the area will be a dig and run job, and if other such ventures are to go on, will leave a wasteland of destruction and a catastrophic depletion of the water supply in a few quite short number of years.

So, I am in support of the Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018.

If we are to have any hope of stopping catastrophic climate change and saving our precious Great Barrier Reef, we need to do everything we can to meet our commitments to limit global warming to below 1.5 degrees.

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.

As my combination of first and second name are very unusual (only two of us in Australia) I would request that my name and any other identifying details eg location, be redacted to initials only for publication, as my name is easily traceable by any wishing to Troll me.

Thank you.

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