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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.

A recent UN climate report declared that the Earth's climate could reach an irreversible tipping point in just 12 years. The next 12 years are crucial and we must take all the action we can to prevent catastrophic climate change.

This has become a moral issue, not a political one. The lives of anyone who is a teenager or younger today greatly depend on how quickly and dramatically we act on climate change today. The most significant impacts will be the decisions to ensure fossil fuels stay in the ground and not in our atmosphere.

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 are a crucial part of the changes we must make to prevent dangerous climate change and I fully support them.

A short term focus on jobs and wealth is morally unacceptable given the current scientific predictions for the lives of our children and grandchildren. I know there are people suffering now, calling out for jobs - but the sufferings of those today will pale in insignificance to what is predicted on the Earth if inaction continues. We must do what is right, not what is easy or politically palatable.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission.

Arwen Birch

To the State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee

I recently submitted a submission for the Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill.

The guidelines require me to provide mailing address and phone number, so I am providing below. Please inform me if I need to resubmit or if this is sufficient:

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