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To: [State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee](#)
Subject: Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill
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Dear State Government,

I write in support of this amendment bill, as I think that the evidence against developing new coal mines is very strong. Indeed, we need to do more to reduce dependence on fossil fuels if the world has any chance of limiting warming to 1.5 to 2 degrees. This requires leaving the majority of current coal reserves in the ground, and finding jobs and royalties/income from other sources. Other evidence is strongly supportive that action now on climate change (despite a small trade off in short term income and jobs), will save money and livelihoods in a significant way for the next generation.

Fresh water is also a finite resource, one that the mining of coal depletes. The public is generally supportive of the need to protect our great artesian basin and not take precious water away from our farmers, who are likely to experience more severe droughts and heatwaves in the future.

We are looking for leadership using long term and evidence-based thinking from our leaders.

Please support this bill to close down the Galilee basin from the coal mining industry.
regards,

David King

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