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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. 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. This is consistent with the "rapid and far-reaching" changes in energy and industry, which the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) says will be required to limit human-caused emissions of carbon dioxide and global warming.

While opponents to the Bill may refer to employment and growth opportunities that coal mining in the Galilee Basin will provide for Queensland, they ignore the catastrophic impact of climate change on Australian's way of life and our unique environment. The short term benefits do not out weigh the costs of extreme summer temperatures, crippling drought and death of the Great Barrier Reef.

Finally, I believe the Bill 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.

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