A voice for the environment

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Committee Secretary

State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee

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Dear Chair and Committee Members,

Submission on the Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the above Inquiry. This submission is made on behalf of Capricorn Conservation Council, Rockhampton, Queensland.

Since 1973 Capricorn Conservation Council (CCC) has performed an important role in providing community conservation education. Our work is mainly through volunteers and our engagement covers schools, general community, industry and government.

CCC participates in numerous community, government and industry forums, a small sample includes:

- Environment and Heritage Protection Ministerial Roundtable
- Central Queensland Mine Rehabilitation Group
- Shoalwater Bay Training Area Environmental Advisory Committee
- Fitzroy Water Quality Advisory Group (EHP/DNRM)
- Fitzroy Partnership for River Health
- Project and EIS panels, consultative meetings and reports for wildlife and ecology.

We are writing this submission in support of the Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018.

We 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, we 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. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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