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To: [State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee](#)
Subject: Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018
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Dear Chair and Committee Members,

My contact details are provided below.

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

In the past, there was a time when everything was powered by renewable energy.

In the future, everything will again be powered by renewable energy. There is no doubt about that.

We might enter the next renewable energy period proactively, or, if we cling on to the fossil fuel economy, we will enter it reluctantly. If we do the latter, the impact on human civilisation due to global warming will be catastrophic. Supporting this Bill will help us to achieve the former.

I am not going to appeal to you on financial grounds. The financial impacts of global warming are not being properly considered. If they were, there would be no debate on this issue.

Nor am I going to appeal to you on the grounds of complying with the Paris Agreement. The Paris Agreement is a positive step, but it does not support a rapid enough transition away from fossil fuels. It allows us to export as much coal as we want for others to burn.

Instead, I want to appeal to your sense of leadership.

Climate change experts recommend that a maximum of 20% of the entire world's remaining fossil fuels can be extracted and burnt. More than that, and we will overwhelm the planet's physical systems. More than that, and we won't be able to maintain our way of living.

I ask that you please consider the significant international leadership that the Queensland Government would be demonstrating if it were to pass this bill. It would be showing the world that governments are capable of looking past short term profits, and of looking beyond what is merely compliant. It would show that governments are capable of considering, and acting on, what is morally right.

New Zealand recently took such leadership by banning all new offshore oil and gas drilling. By recommending that this Bill be passed, you would be enabling the Queensland Government to show similar leadership.

I ask you to each consider your guiding principles around leadership. I ask you to apply these principles to your consideration of this bill.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission.

Regards,

Adam Rix

