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Committee Secretary  
State Development, Mineral Resources and Agricultural Industrial Development Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane

**Submission in Relation to the Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018**

Dear Secretary,

We write to make clear our opposition to this Bill.

Australia's mining cities have made, and continue to make, an invaluable contribution to the life and economy of the nation. Yet the Bill before the Committee seeks to profoundly hurt Australia's mining cities.

The Bill is driven by capital city politics. It gives not a shred of consideration to Australia's mining cities – in this case regional Queensland mining cities. The Bill, which seeks to prohibit the mining of coal in one of the world's greatest untapped basins of clean thermal coal, the Galilee Basin, is designed to stymie the vitality and inhibit the future of a number of great Australian mining cities, including Moranbah, Townsville, Mackay and Rockhampton.

The Bill's notional objective is to meet Australia's climate change targets under the Paris Accord. While meeting the Paris Accord obligations is a national commitment, the Bill, instead, will have the immediate and direct effect of smashing regional economies, crueiling the prospects of thousands of households across Queensland and Australia, damaging Australia's reputation as an investment destination, limiting Australia's low-cost base-load energy supplies, and foregoing tax and royalty income to the Australian and Queensland treasuries.

We note that the Isaac region already produces \$1.5 billion in royalties to the Queensland Treasury. Local businesses underpin this and, in turn, create jobs and drive the economy. Expanding these gains from the Bowen Basin to the Galilee Basin – and developing the many projects in the pipeline in the Galilee Basin – will drive new economic opportunities and cleaner base-load electricity for Australia and the world.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss our submission with the Committee further, including at forthcoming public hearings. For further information, please contact our Executive Director, Craig Wilson, on 0414741791.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Bowler".

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