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Committee Secretary
State Department, Natural Resources and Agricultural
Industry Development Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Committee Secretary,

Re: Inquiry into the Mineral resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018

Barcaldine Regional Council would like to thank the State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee for the opportunity to provide a submission in response to the Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018.

Barcaldine Regional Council fundamentally *opposes* the proposed Mineral Resource (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018 and its objective to prohibit mining within the Galilee Basin.

While Barcaldine Regional Council are reasonably new to the mining and renewable energy sectors, we feel it is not in the best interest of the communities we represent or for the State of Queensland to support such an amendment to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*, to stop all coal mining in the Galilee Basin.

Council believes that in allowing the mining of the Galilee Basin it will provide sustainable development for future generations, living and working within the region. There is every possibility that the mining of the Galilee Basin can be as thriving and sustainable as its neighbouring counterpart, the Bowen Basin. The resources industry in Queensland continues to be a major contributor to the national economy.

The opening up of the Galilee Basin should be about allowing the opportunity for strategic planning and sustainable management for future generations within the mining and renewable energy sector. Its vast wealth of mineral resources contained wherein, will provide an increase in economic benefits, increased opportunities for supporting industries and services, provide certainty for small businesses and the increased opportunity for shared regional tourism growth.

The opportunity should be available for all potential investors, future entrepreneurs, local businesses and everyday blue collared workers to have a future in the mining and renewable energy sector within the Galilee Basin and within our region. All Regional Queenslanders deserve the right to work within the mining and renewable energy sectors without having to relocate from their regional homes.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate its position that Barcaldine Regional Council opposes the proposed Mineral Resource (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018 and its objective to prohibit mining within the Galilee Basin.

Yours faithfully,



Rob Chandler
Mayor