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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.

Archaic practices must change in a society that has developed technological advancement and environmental awareness. Governments and individuals need to make decisions based on a sustainable future rather than shallow and ultimately pointless economic grasping that benefits the few whilst decimating the rest. These archaic behaviours have poisoned our waterways and air, degraded our soils, destroyed our forests and fractured the integrity of the land upon which we stand. Risks are known and damage is evident.

If we are to have any hope of stopping catastrophic climate change and saving our precious Great Barrier Reef, we must do everything we can to meet our commitments to limit global warming to below 1.5 degrees and minimise agricultural pollution.

Australia must live within its means in terms of human carrying capacity. Commercial activities that benefit international interests at Australians' expense must end. Australia cannot and should not feed the world or supply its energy needs. We must all learn to live within our region's environmentally produced means - particularly when others on Earth do not have access to clean water, are starving and their access to these are denied and exploited for profit of those who literally throw away these things.

We have seen the taxpayer bills for mine remediation. We have built continually expanding cities upon the best arable land in Australia thereby destroying future productivity of that land. We have extensive solar resources that could produce power supplies and yet we have not enacted laws for all new buildings to have solar power - or water storage facilities when they are essential to our life quality - and our life itself. We have suffered continual drought without entering into agreements that force billion dollar commercial industries to build water recycling facilities for their use, Australia's future use and the rehabilitation of the land they upset. We have allowed population to grow and have not limited consumption.

Something terribly wrong is staring all Earth's inhabitants in the face and demanding immediate action and yet almost nothing is being done by Australia's governments. Courageous action must be taken now.

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. In addition, I 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.

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