

State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee

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Submission to the Mineral and Energy Resources and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020

Please accept my submission to the parliamentary commission as an individual who has made a career out of coalmining, in Queensland, over the last 30 years. I do not agree with the appointment requirements for statutory office holders in the proposed Bill and would like the opportunity to express some concerns.

I have been a Coal mine worker for more than 30 years through this time I have been given an opportunity to support my family expand my knowledge and advance in my career. I have held statutory positions at many mine sites in Qld during this time. I strongly disagree with the proposed amendment as I believe this will not achieve anything in fact it will have negative impact on the industry and its people. The consultation process is non-existent and the first you hear of it is on the TV or social media. Everyone wants to go to work and come home to their families, friends and loved ones the same way they left that morning or night. To only target statutory positions is beyond a joke as the mining sector is made up of various roles and responsibilities. These responsibilities/roles are managed through systems, procedures and process with the Act and Regs as well as recognised standards to ensure an acceptable level of risk. Applying restrictions to an individual's choice of employer will remove competitiveness within the industry and see a lot of contract statutory office holders turn away from the industry. To lose so much passion, experience and knowledge would be catastrophic to the coal mining sector of this country. I ask that the requirements for statutory office holder's policy be removed from the proposed bill and individual contractors be safe guarded from any future proposal that can have a detrimental effect on their ability to operate.

Thanks

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