

Committee Secretary
State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

RE: Submission Mineral and Energy Resources and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020

To whom it may concern

Please accept my submission to the parliamentary commission, dated 4th February 2020.

I do not agree with, the section that refers to the following: The Bill amends the Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999 to clarify that only persons who are employees of a coal mine operator may be appointed as certain statutory office holders.

I have worked in underground mines for 30 years the past 8 years as an ERZ controller and more recently as a subcontractor. Being a subcontractor gives me more freedom to choose the place where I work, the number of weeks I work in a year. If the bill gets passed this takes away my freedom of choice. I do not agree that this proposal will create a safer work place whether you are a permanent employee or a subcontractor you still have the same obligations under the coal mining act and regs and you are still liable for prosecution if you do not do your job correctly. I do not fear reprisal if I bring up a safety matter just follow the right channels inform people in the right positions and get the help you require to fix the problem. Some people choose to be contractors and some people have no choice it is the latter who will struggle to find employment if this bill goes through because coal mine operators will not employ some people.

Kind Regards

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