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

To whom it may concern

Please accept my submission in reference to the changes to 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.

These changes in my opinion will not make any difference to the operation of a Coal mine. I have held a Deputies Certificate since the October 1998 and have worked at various mines in the Bowen basin. In those 21 years plus I have been a permanent employee, a contract deputy and other roles in appointed positions. At no time did I feel that I didn't have a say in the safety and wellbeing of the coal mine workers at the mine where I worked. By paying an individual differently does not influence them in the decision making, as the Mine Manager/ Site senior executive instructs the appointee of what their expectations are and their responsibilities to comply to the Act and Regulations.

Under the Act and Regulations the obligations of a Coal Mine Worker do not change whether you are a contractor or permanent employee at the mine.

Please consider my submission and if any other concerns you wish to discuss, please contact myself.

Stewart Euston

