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To Whom It May Concern,

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

Please accept the following submission to the parliamentary commission regarding the proposed Mineral and Energy Resources and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020.

Requirements of statutory office holders

I have 28 years mining experience with 22 years in the underground coal mining industry and am currently employed as a contract statutory official. I have worked at various mines in Queensland and I don't believe that contract statutory officials are less likely to speak up about issues. Having worked as a permanent and contract statutory official I have found no difference in being able to speak out about safety or any other concerns that I have had. The proposed changes to the legislation having to be employed by the coal mine operator will impact not only myself but my family and many others in the mining community. The impact of this will be widely felt in the industry, it will not only be the statutory officials that will be affected as company's close down many support staff will lose their jobs and the flow on effects will be felt by many.

Although I welcome any changes to that make our industry safer, I don't believe that forcing Statutory officials to only be employed by the coal mine operator will achieve a higher standard of Statutory officials. In my opinion more focus needs to be put on education of all coal mine workers and experience in the industry. Currently people need very little experience to obtain a Statutory ticket, maybe this need to be looked at? Also, things like culture, accountability and education of all coal mine workers needs to improve and standards put in place.

Industrial manslaughter offence provisions.

I don't believe that Industrial manslaughter should be brought in the mining industry. The industry already has harsh penalties for non-compliance as well as investigations and court proceedings.

Regards

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