

**State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee**

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**Sent:** Thursday, 27 February 2020 7:37 PM  
**To:** State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee  
**Subject:** Objection

To whom it may concern,

Please accept the following objection to the submission to the parliamentary commission regarding the proposed Mineral and Energy Resources and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 introduced by the Honourable Anthony Lynham MP on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Specifically, 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. “

The coal mining legislation meters out obligations to coal mine works in general and to individuals specifically with statutory positions. These obligations are irrespective of the nature of employment be it contractually or permanent. To say that safety is tied to the status of employment in essence goes against the intent of the legislation. These obligations have to be met regardless, built into legislation is safe guards to prevent an individual being persecuted rebuttable for safety concerns.

More emphases should instead be focused on up skilling and advanced training to ensure safety concerns are identified and reacted to in an appropriate timely manner.

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