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From: Jane Hughes [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 6 August 2012 5:04 PM
To: Agriculture Resources and Environment Committee
Subject: Re: Mines Legislation (Streamlining) Amendment Bill 2012
 "Agriculture Legislation & Environment Committee

Re: Mines Legislation (Streamlining) Amendment Bill 2012

I write to express my concern at the intention of the Queensland Government to fast track mining application and approvals; when the industry in fact; needs more thorough investigation and regulation; not less.

The mining industry has been allowed by present and past governments; to "run roughshod " over this country without satisfactory; independent environmental studies or regulations on the ground.

There are a growing number of Australians who have taken on board the information from overseas, where the environmental results of the industry are really only just starting to emerge. And they are very disturbing. Disastrous consequences of contamination to air, water and environment resulting in sickness deaths and birth defects, to both human and animal life. Plus damage to the environment which can never be reversed.

Is the Government asleep at the wheel? This is a very serious problem facing this country. Instead of addressing the concerns of the people of Australia; the Queensland government has completely forgotten it was these people who entrusted the government of the state to them.

The dangers involved are well documented everywhere but the significant issues which need to be urgently addressed are as follows:-

1. Preservation of prime agricultural lands.
2. Priority given to established financially productive business already carried out in specific areas.
3. Safety of drinking water supplies to major cities and populated areas
4. Transparency between Government, mining companies and communities
5. Regulation and transparency of chemicals used in all mining processes
6. Responsible disposal of used, salt and chemically contaminated water
7. Infrastructure to cope with increased activity around mining areas.
8. Noise and light complaint resolution in mining work areas

These are a few of the obvious issues causing problems overseas.

Others are also :-

1. Contamination and / or depletion of underground water aquifers.
2. Maintenance and preservation of concrete wells sunk for drilling.
(historically a high percentage fail over time)
3. Contamination , caused by airborne chemicals; to human and animals
4. Contamination ; rising from the underground , to human and animals
5. Increased earthquake and tremors in drilling locations.
6. Contamination of local rivers and natural waterways, causing contamination to marine life.

7. Increased risk of fire ; associated with chemical and gas leaks.

I expressly ask you to consider the above before passing this Bill.”

thanking you
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1. mile long toxic ponds, plastic lined,
mile long sludge ponds, pumps etc.
these are not safe, if water was safe, mining would re use it
waste of water, in drought Australia, does not and will not work

2. methane gas, sour gas/hydrogen sulphide leaks, are gassing whole towns and areas,
as in Tara, Queensland, and evacuation is occurring, and severe illness of 26 families

3. bores, are leaking methane/sour gas/hydrogen sulphide, and are being dried out
from fracking processes,
FRACKING IS NOT OPEN CUT MINING, but a FRACK rig in your garden..... this is well
documented in the United States
and extensive proofs of evacuations of whole towns, and severe ill health, and deaths.....
have and are occurring

4. FLARING is a fire hazard
leaking METHANE is a fire hazard
leaking SOUR GAS/hydrogen sulphide is a fire hazard

5. farmers are being employed by mining to do GAS HAZARD work, and have no expertise to
replace parts, nor control
hazards and wastes.... and is this legal ?

6. BAN FRACKING like France, and remember it is NOT OPEN CUT MINING

7. the PIPELINES are dangerous in all ways, leaking gases, in the Australian heat, and a severe
fire hazard,
fire brigade hazard, and human, and all animal hazards, this also well documented in the
United States and elsewhere

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this is very very serious conditions, and Australia would do well, to go solar, and wind, and not
take on
any FRACKING processes including SHALE FRACKING, as Australia will not see their land and
economy
destroyed by this FRACKING PROCESS

all Australians are presently working to BAN CSG, coal seam gas, CBM coal bed methane and
SHALE FRACKING...

thanking you
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