

Dear Sir/Madam

I strongly support this Bill... The Environmental Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2013 (Provisions) providing Federal oversight of the impacts of coal and coal seam mining on water resources... to protect our precious environment and water supply . . . on which we, as humans, depend for our survival. . . and look forward to it being passed through the Senate with ease and speed.

I think that in our over commercialized world . . . the economics so dependent on unbalanced commercialism . . . we forget our basic needs. As human beings we need fresh, clean water and food . . . and shelter and clothing to protect us from the elements.

Health issues are rampant in our industrialized world . . . with health providers finding it almost impossible to cater for the growing needs. I believe we're at a tipping point, if we don't change our ways the consequences could be dire indeed.

The first step has to be the safe protection of the Earth we live on . . . otherwise we will not survive. This is not an exaggerated claim . . . I just hope we don't live to see it.

So again . . . I strongly support the passing of this bill through the Senate . . . quickly and smoothly.

There's an old saying . . . 'we are cutting off the very branch we are sitting on'. This Earth is the only home we have, she provides the food and water we need to survive. We need to care for her.

New economies will evolve . . . more in harmony with the planet we live on. We all live in times of massive change . . . these are not always easy . . . but necessary for us to evolve. I believe we have a choice. . . do we evolve or do we die?

Please pass this very important Bill . . . many lives depend on it.

Thank you
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