

Galilee Basin (Coal Prohibition) Bill 2018

Please accept this submission as a statement of support for the Galilee Basin (Coal Prohibition) Bill 2018. I support the prohibition of mining of thermal coal in the Galilee Basin, and the prohibition of all new coal mining projects. I was born in Queensland and live in Queensland and am very concerned about the increased heat, bushfire risk and bleaching of the great barrier reef that carbon pollution is causing. Just last month we had an estimated 23,000 spectacled flying foxes die in a heatwave, almost a third of the entire species population, and have another heatwave predicted for the end of the week. The great barrier reef is a natural treasure that is world famous, and we have national & internationally renowned scientists saying that we will lose it if we continue to emit carbon as we are.

Carbon pollution of our atmosphere is changing the Earth's climate in ways that are detrimental to human and all forms of life as we know them. There has been clear communication from scientists that we have only 10 years left to completely stop all carbon emissions and begin extracting carbon from the atmosphere, in order to avoid catastrophic climate consequences. There is no way that coal can be continued to be mined and burnt as fuel. As a voter and a part of this democracy I call on the government to URGENTLY address climate change by all means possible, and begin reducing carbon emissions with the aim of being carbon negative in 10 years. Our continued existence on the planet is at stake, and it requires immediate, emergency action.

The Galilee Basin (Coal Prohibition) Bill 2018 is a vitally important part of reducing global carbon emissions and must be passed. I would like the Australian government to act in the best interests of all of us, and look past short term election whims and act now to protect our long term future interests.

Yours Sincerely,

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