

Subject: Submission to Extreme Weather Inquiry

Dear Senators,

I wish to advise you of my great concern for our future, if the warnings about climate change are not listened to and acted upon. The health of our natural environment is being threatened by the plans for greedy coal and gas companies, who are destroying our land, digging up and shipping off our resources, which when used in other countries, will only add to the problem of climate change. I thought we were trying to reduce the emissions caused by the burning of coal, but here we are sending it off to somewhere else to be burned and create the same result.

The plans to expand our ports (Abbot Point) will cause untold misery for our marine life. I am a member of a turtle monitoring & rescue group in Bowen, and I know the turtles are dying in great numbers, there is a shortage of seagrass already, and they are planning to dredge and dump at sea, millions of tonnes of soil which will impact on marine life. As well as the untold damage caused by the mining companies with their huge holes in the ground, which could never be returned to it's original state. I cannot believe that our Government have so little vision that they are allowing this to happen, and add to the threat that climate change will bring.

Please think of the future of our planet, for our future generations, and act wisely.

Yours faithfully,
Gwen Atkinson