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Senator Anne Ruston
Chair
Environment & Communications & Legislation Committee
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Dear Senator Ruston

**Re: Submission to the Senate Committee on Environment and Communication Inquiry into
*Landholders' Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015.***

I am writing to you to express my support of the submission made by the Minerals Council of Australia.

The Queensland Resources Council (QRC) is the peak representative organisation of the Queensland minerals and energy sector. The QRC's membership encompasses exploration, production, and processing companies, energy production and associated service companies. The QRC works on behalf of members to ensure Queensland's resources are developed profitably and competitively, in a socially and environmentally sustainable way.

QRC agrees with the issues and arguments outlined in the MCA submission. There are a number of fundamental issues with the Bill, including proposing to change the dynamic of resource ownership by the States and Territories. How this new dynamic would improve resource management and landholder engagement is not clear with many of the proposed amendments being ignorant of existing processes.

Queensland has seen rapid growth of coal seam gas and mining in some regional areas coupled with adaptive legislative instruments to deal with land use issues, for example through the Land Access Framework. QRC would be happy to provide you with further information should you require.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive