

**Subject:** Submission in Support of the Landowners Right to Refuse Bill  
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Dear Senate Members,

As a landowner of 40 acres of farmland in the NSW Hawkesbury Catchment area I have been increasingly concerned about the encroaching coal and gas mining activity in the area. I grew up on my property and hate to imagine the shattered dreams, devastation and powerlessness I would feel if I was told mining companies were going to start coal or gas operations on my land and I had no power to say otherwise. I feel for landowners that have been put through the hell of dealing with this very situation and the subsequent health afflictions that have affected them and their families as a result of living near mining operations, not to mention the affect poisoned aquifers, waterways and degraded land and air quality has on livelihoods. I am lucky, for now, as no trucks have come up my driveway. But when they do come I want to be assured that the government is listening to the wishes of myself and so many others, as landholders, as voters. I know the voice of the mining companies are loud but it is the public that the government is put in place to represent and serve not private companies. Please, in your appraisal of this Bill consider us voters not the lobbyists. This is an important bill that will empower people to make important decisions about their health, their land, their livelihoods. I fully support this bill and sincerely hope to see it pass into legislation.

Regards,  
Alice Nagy.