Attn: Dr Jennifer Buckley **Committee Secretary Economic Policy Scrutiny** Submission to address the Water Amendment Bill 2019 My first recommendation is that the Bill should not pass Parliament. As is clearly visible it is now March 2019 and Northern Territory's Wet Season has so far been virtually not existent Even if the NT's Aquifers are at full level we cannot afford to compromise their water quality, especially in regards to water extraction for mining (especially fracking) The fracking industry uses gigalitres of water (which is a huge problem in itself) The fracking industry also produces waste water which, if dumped in often leaky plastic lined ponds, is a environmental disaster, wildlife entering these ponds usually perish. If contaminated water is re injected, the risk of contaminated aquifers is very high Aquifers are often interconnected with other waterways allowing water to travel distances ensuring pollution enters various areas of our landscape. I highly recommend that the Water Amendment Bill 2019 not pass Parliament. Regards A extremely concerned Australian Citizen