

Parliamentary inquiry into the Mining Amendment Bill ("the Bill")

Dear Committee

It is with great fervor that I respectfully request and wish to make a submission.

I have been involved in the mining industry for well over 30 years.

Sadly, I (and many others) was never consulted with this Mining Amendment Bill despite having an extensive history of operating in the industry.

As a prospector, I own and operate geochemical drilling machinery, "state of the art" sophisticated Magnetometers (I imported from Canada) for my one Geophysical Surveys , have pegged (or been involved in) a couple of thousands of tenements for professional prospectors, both large and small Mining Companies and have been involved in small and large scale mining projects pretty much all my prospecting life.

I have invested a large amount of money into equipment over many years, employed geologists, geophysicists and I feel from what I have seen with this mining amendment bill it will destroy my capacity to work in the mining industry.

I remain extremely concerned about giving any further powers to environmental officers who have previously shown incompetence/misconduct in shutting peoples operations down or making it so hard just forcing people out of business in the industry.

It is obvious that mining industry people have been misled and lied to in respect of this **Mining Amendment Bill** from The Minister for Mines & Petroleum, some Members of Parliament, people from the DMP, including Phil Gory and others.

It is extremely obvious that the Bill was conceived by persons who have no practical field experience with the operations of small mining companies and professional prospectors.

These non - experienced , secret agenda people not only have not got the WA Mining Industry wellbeing at heart, but the future foundation of the WA Economy, regardless of political persuasions.

Furthermore, it is most disturbing that the Bill will introduce corrupt practices and corruption into the DMP and particularly the Environmental Section under the guidance of Mr. Gory. The retention of fees and fines by the DMP Environmental Section is unrepresented.

I would like to appear before the committee to give verbal evidence.

Yours faithfully.

Gerard Brewer (24th March, 2016)