Prime Minister Julia Gillard & Federal Environment Minister, Tony Burke

To All others Whom it may Concern, - there must be some,

Living in the state of Queensland which is rapidly becoming the largest mine on the planet, with mining by its nature requiring **ENORMOUS** amounts of **WATER** & in a country which is acknowledged as the driest on the planet, we might imagine that the preservation of our natural environment which sustains us would become increasingly important- all the more so as our population increases.

Along with care/ husbandry of the natural environment so we are able to breathe clean air, drink &/or bathe in clean water & provide ourselves with unpolluted food from local, state or national sources, we might imagine that Food Security becomes ever more important as the number of extreme weather events increases, jeopardising our wheat & beef production, - with the forecast that we will become a net importer.

So, it would seem that a vital ingredient in the management of these challenges would be the Federal Government maintaining its powers of veto over the states,- given the latters' record of putting short-term profits ahead of the environment & because they are far more likely to be fixated on short-term royalties & returns from Mining & Development- a definite conflict of interest.

Our current spate of bushfires must surely ring warning bells in Canberra. The CSIRO are predicting that these events will become much more frequent.

Are you listening? Can you hear?

The Gillard government must take a stand once again for the management of this precious environment which supports & sustains us, helping us all in our increasing efforts to survive without further unnecessary destruction & trauma.

Yours sincerely, Eve Plant