

**Submission  
No 6**

**INQUIRY INTO MINING AMENDMENT  
(COMPENSATION FOR CANCELLATION OF  
EXPLORATION LICENCE) BILL 2019**

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If the State Government holds a view that a Government Minister has broken the law in awarding this license then shouldn't the State Government, regardless of party, shoulder the responsibility for this Minister's 'supposed' reckless behaviour rather than punish innocent shareholders?

Should the current Government not look to their collective moral conscience and correct Barry O'Farrell's lie. (O'Farrell initially declared innocent shareholders would be compensated). He cherry picked what has now been shown to be a flawed report for party, and quite likely personal, gain. Surely Government ministers present at the time will recall O'Farrell's subterfuge and deception in passing law denying compensation.

My wife and I were minor shareholders compared to many but now on the doorstep of retirement the loss still hurts. How hard is it to do the right and honourable thing?

The other amazing thing here is no party, in the issuing of the license, or cases surrounding the ICAC report, been found guilty in a court of law.