

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO PETROLEUM (ONSHORE) AMENDMENT
(CANCELLATION OF ZOMBIE PETROLEUM
EXPLORATION LICENCES) BILL 2021**

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The Zombie exploration licences are like a dark cloud hanging over farmers and rural communities. Not a welcome dark rain cloud, but a cloud of uncertainty as to the future viability of farming and of the precious water resources in those areas still subject to inactive licences. I wish to add my agreement to the position taken by Lock the Gate and the CWA. "Communities in these affected areas have lived with the uncertainty of what these PELs will mean for their futures for too long, and it's time for confidence to be restored for the people who call these regions home and who rely on the land for their livelihoods," said Stephanie Stanhope, President of the CWA of NSW.