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## Lauga drives new mining legislation debate

The Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga has urged her government to debate critical new mining legislation following the Grosvenor Mine's tragic accident last week.

Ms Lauga, the Assistant Education Minister, has written to Mines and Energy Minister Dr Anthony Lynham urging him to bring forward debate on the legislation in the wake of five miners being injured near Moranbah.

"We had eight mine and quarry workers die in the past two years, prior to five more being seriously injured last week at Grosvenor Mine.

"This is simply not good enough.

"I'm proud that Queensland has the world's toughest mine health and safety laws, and that the Palaszczuk Government has increased penalties and increased mines inspectors."

She said the proposed new mining industrial manslaughter legislation in Queensland recommends up to 20 years in prison for mining managers and supervisors found guilty of negligent conduct involving the death of an employee.

"Given the seriousness of this most recent mining disaster in Central Queensland, I have urged the Minister to bring this legislation forward for debate in the next Parliamentary Sitting Week starting Tuesday May 19."

Ms Lauga said she was committed to working with government and industry to ensure the health and safety of workers is the number one priority for the mining sector.

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