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I wish to commend QOMA Secretary Kevin Phillip's remarkably well researched and pointed submission on behalf of NOMA re the future of Mintabie. Kevin has an amazing capacity to gather pertinent information and present it in a relevant way and has proven to be very tenacious in his quest for a fair go for small miners! I am happy to report NOMA has adopted the thrust of this submission as our united approach.

I would like the Premier and the Government to consider one other aspect while reaching a decision. I visited Mintabie during its early hey-days (1985) and helped a friend in his mine for nearly two weeks. This was an amazing carthartic experience: to share the optimism and good will of over 600 adventurers of very diverse backgrounds before any government services had got to this frontier – a reminder of what some of our gold-rush days of over a century earlier may have resembled. This heritage revisited is surely reason enough to preserve Mintabie for those lucky to have shared its aura and for other generations to visit and reflect on our history.

Sentimentally (and earnestly),

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