

## Gap Creek Trails Alliance

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Dear Committee members

Gap Creek Trails Alliance (GCTA) has promoted and practised responsible use of sustainable trails since 2001. We have been instrumental in the successful adoption of best practice design and construction of mountain bike trails throughout south east Queensland by local and state government, including Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.

As president of GCTA, I fully endorse the proposed changes to legislation, especially reinstating the conservation of nature as the primary purpose of the protected area estate. Users of recreation trails respect the bushland in which they recreate and wish for this experience to be preserved now and in the future. Any threat to the protected estate is a threat of potential loss of our contact with nature which is such a healing and healthy experience.

As a member of Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation (QORF) I fully support this organisation's submission.

Members of QORF have raised an issue regarding the presence of a clause under management principles for National Parks which is missing from principles for Conservation Parks.

"Provide opportunities for educational and recreational activities in a way consistent with the area's natural and cultural resources and values."

Gap Creek Trails Alliance members suggest that this principle should be added to the management of Conservation Parks as well. Queensland Parks and Wildlife staff already manage Conservation Parks in this way and adding this clause provides them with greater certainty.

Yours sincerely

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