From: To: Agriculture and Environment Committee Subject: Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 (NCOLA)

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to support the proposed changes to the Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015. Specifically I would like to support:

- reinstating 'the conservation of nature' as the sole object of the Nature Conservation Act 1992 (NCA);
- reinstating the former national park (scientific), conservation park and resources reserve classes of protected area, and their associated management principles;
- removing provisions that allow management plans under the NCA, Marine Parks Act 2004 and Recreation Areas Management Act 2006 to be amended without public consultation if the amendments relate to a change in State government policy;
- removing provisions that allowed the chief executive to grant stock grazing permits for emergency drought relief on six prescribed national parks until 31 December 2013 because they have become redundant; and
- reverting rolling term leases (under the Land Act 1994) within protected areas managed by QPWS for agriculture, grazing or pastoral purposes back to term leases (noting this will not affect leases on State Forest).

Regards,		
Dale Watson.		