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Introduction

The Friends of the Deception Bay Conservation Park Inc. was formed in 2010 to work cooperatively with the community of Deception Bay and surrounding areas, and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service on the development, management and maintenance of the Deception Bay Conservation Park. The organisation also has the aims of providing education and tourism based activities in the Deception Bay Conservation Park.

With regards to the bill, the following clauses will have impacts to the organisation.

Clause 4

This clause impacts the organisation in the regard of "use and enjoyment of protected areas by the community" being deleted. However the organisation is happy if this concept is included in the definition of "conservation", especially in "ecological sustainable use" or mentioned elsewhere in the act in specific protected areas to be able to assist Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service in maintenance and development of protected areas where applicable, plus provide educational and cultural visits to the Deception Bay Conservation Park.

Clause 6

The renaming of the Deception Bay Conservation Park to Deception Bay Regional Park concerned our organisation as we would have had to change the organisation's name, and determine the timing dependent on the park signage changing. With this clause, the status quo is maintained.

Clause 9

Reverting to the management principles of the conservation park as per the previous act will ensure the continuance of the aims and objectives of the organisation, instead of the reviewing of the aims and objectives that are required under the current act's obligations.

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