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Submission on Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Bill 2015

Introduction

Bushwalking Queensland Inc. is the peak body of 24 bushwalking clubs in Queensland, representing some 2000 bushwalkers. I am currently President of this organisation and make this submission on behalf of this organisation, plus our affiliated clubs. Bushwalking Queensland Inc. has a strong working relationship with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, especially working on track maintenance in Lamington National Park and monitoring remote campsites in south east Queensland. Bushwalking Queensland Inc. currently has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.

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 for our affiliated clubs' outdoor activities to be enjoyed, and to be able to assist Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service in maintenance and development of protected areas where applicable.

Clause 6

This clause will enhance the ability to identify the protected areas so that efficient and effective activity planning can be achieved without cause to fully investigate a protected area and its uses.

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