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Submission to the COMMITTEE

Manduka Community Settlement Cooperative

Monday 30th November

Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 to the Queensland Parliament.

SUBMISSION To The Minister for the Environment

Hon. Dr Stephen Miles

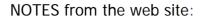
Parliament House

Brisbane 4000.

Manduka Cooperative supports the Bill to restore 'conservation of nature' as the overriding aim of National Parks; we support this Bill which retracts other uses of the protected estate: drought proofing grazing properties, introducing leisure activities which can seriously impact on native species. We support each of the points listed below.

We take this position because we know that many of the unique ecosystems of Qld are not yet adequately protected. We understand that long term survival of many species requires a well-staffed and managed system of protected areas. Manduka looks after a 35 ha Nature Refuge. We could not find a particular Form to use for making a Submission, so would appreciate a reply to acknowledge this Submission. Thanks.

Gillian Pechey for the Directors, Manduka Cooperative.



On 27 October 2015 Hon Dr Stephen Miles MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef, introduced the Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 to the Queensland Parliament.

In accordance with Standing Order 131, the Bill has been referred to the Agriculture and Environment Committee for consideration.

The committee must provide its report to the House by 5 February 2016 (Standing Order 136).

The Bill:

--reinstates 'the conservation of nature' as the sole object of the Nature Conservation Act 1992 so that the preservation of the natural condition of national parks will take precedence over other objectives

--removes redundant provisions that allowed the chief executive to grant stock grazing permits for emergency drought relief on six prescribed national parks up until the end of 2013

--reinstates the former national park (scientific), conservation park and resources reserve classes of protected area, and their associated management principles

--excludes leases used for agriculture, grazing or pastoral purposes on protected areas from the rolling term lease provisions under the Land Act 1994. This change will allow the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service to consider the appropriateness of the use when leases expire

--amends the Nature Conservation Act 1992 to remove an exemption that allows management plans for protected areas to be amended without public consultation, if the amendments relate to a change in State government policy

--amends the Aboriginal Land Act 1991 to streamline the process to convert regional parks on Cape York Peninsula to jointly managed national park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land), otherwise known as national park (CYPAL), and

--amends the Environmental Protection Act 1994 to defer the sunset clause for the expiry of the existing eligibility criteria for mining activities.