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Submission regarding the Amendments to the Nature Conservation Act 1992

In general I support the proposed amendments.

I would welcome the government introducing an additional Bill to complete the restoration of the Nature Conservation Act.

I support the amendments including those that:

- Reinstatement 'the conservation of nature' as the sole object of the Nature Conservation Act 1992 (NCA);
- Reinstatement the former national park (scientific), conservation park and resources reserve classes of protected area, and their associated management principles;
- Remove 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;
- Remove 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
- Revert 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).

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need further information.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

Yours sincerely



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