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Dear Sir/Ms

Re Amendments to the Nature Conservation Act 1992

Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015

I welcome the proposed amendments to the Nature Conservation Act 1992 that are contained in the bill.

I particularly welcome the reinstatement of the 'conservation of nature' as the sole object of the Act and the reinstatement of the previously abolished classes of protected areas national park (scientific), conservation park and resources reserve.

However I believe that while these amendments go some way to restoring the cardinal principle for national parks more changes are needed.

I would like to see the reinstatement of other classes of protected areas such as national park (recovery).

I believe that the way Queensland national parks have been managed in the past with the protection of fauna, flora, habitat and biodiversity being the fundamental aim and with tourist resorts being encouraged outside the parks is what I, and many other Queenslanders, strongly support.

Therefore I believe while the term 'ecotourism facility' remains in the legislation it means management of national parks may be in conflict with the cardinal principle. Therefore I believe the term 'ecotourism facility' should be removed.

Yours faithfully

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