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To Whom It May Concern - the Committee for the Inquiry into the Queensland land clearing reform Bill

I am writing to you in relation to the above Inquiry and I would like to appeal to the committee and urge it to please protect our precious habitats and their wildlife from destruction and support this Bill.

The Bill will prevent large-scale clearing of remnant woodlands by removing the ability for companies to obtain permits for so called 'High Value Agriculture' as well as restoring the protection for ecologically important regrowing woodlands on both freehold as well as our Indigenous people's land.

The Bill will also restore protection to riparian areas and many areas associated with the Great Barrier Reef catchments. This will further reduce impacts from tree clearing on the Great Barrier Reef from these catchments which will thus have a truly positive effect on climate change by preventing the release of millions of tonnes of carbon dioxide from tree clearing.

By supporting the Bill there can be no ignorance claimed by companies that have cleared land 'accidentally' and this means that the landholder is in no doubt that they are indeed finally RESPONSIBLE for any clearing that takes place on their property.

Thank you for your consideration in this crucial matter.

Yours sincerely

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