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Dear Chair and Committee Members

Submission to Committee on Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016

- *By way of introduction, I am writing this independently as a concerned citizen and though I am a registered wildlife carer and vice president of an incorporated organisation on rescue and rehabilitation of native bird species, I do not wish to write this submission on their behalf but will refer my actions to the committee.*
- *In my submission to support this Bill, I wish to call for all concerned parts of politics who sincerely wish to represent their constituents to carefully consider an important fact. The human race is in danger of making severe mistakes that can harm the community through the greed for an individual objective where vegetation concerns are not considered properly. The history of mankind is documented with events such as the Easter Island loss of its civilisation, the loss of forests in Egypt due to the monuments being built, and Mayan civilisation loss due to deforestation. These events have affected both the climate and the natural resources to the extent that the community is unsustainable. The economy is ultimately going to fail if the environment is altered to the degree that the local climate of regular rainfall and suitable sunshine is not maintained. Animal species unique to our heritage are in danger of becoming extinct or near extinct and thus the welfare of many people and their neighbouring natural environment will be lost forever.*
- *Plantation timber and the associated timber and vegetation management skills to preserve the forest and replenish our wastelands are in need of revitalisation. This useful economic resource could be the way for our future generations to have jobs and skills and products to supply the world markets that are unable to be supplied with these resources from elsewhere when their supply is depleted. It is not just the timber resources but seedlings and wildlife homes such as tree hollows and insect pollination of other plants that depend on this resource. There are many sciences in this ecological subject that would benefit the education of our future generations to prosper our State.*
- *I would hope that sufficient support for the Amendment Bill will inspire others to be concerned in supporting this important issue.*

I would like the opportunity if appropriate to appear before the Committee in their hearing into this inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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