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To whom it may concern.

I am writing to express my support for strengthening of the Vegetation Management (re-instatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016.

I would like the Queensland State Government to honour its pledge of re-instating and strengthening of laws repealed by the previous government.

It is disturbing to see practices still in place in this day and age, with the (proven) information that we have. So many species are in decline and increased levels of coral bleaching have been documented-time and time again, while carbon emissions continue to soar.

We cannot continue to lay blame and criticise developing/third world countries for their negative environmental practices while we, as developed and 'educated' nations continue such shameful land management. Footage of bulldozers dragging chains for large scale woodland clearing is devastating-to both our wildlife and international reputation.

Queensland prides itself on its tourism values and economic returns from it. It cannot expect to continue these returns whilst contributing to the destruction of its precious reef and wildlife ecosystems. The current reserve system requires enhancement and support from adjacent private lands with practical ecologically sustainable land management. Our ecological systems require linkage of intact vegetation and we require the ecological services that can be provided-clean air and healthy water bodies. An ecologist once said to me "...we need to keep the common species common...". We know how to do this so we need to act on our theory.

We (you) must take action to un-do the damage reeked by the previous government under the influences of the Abbott era. We need the ecological clock to be re-set to the pre-Abbott era and to continue the decades of achievements made by hard fought campaigning.

I am from Victoria but support a united front on ecologically sustainable vegetation management. In addition to lobbying the Queensland Government, I am also lobbying my own State Government to support the proposed Great Forest National Park.

Please, be an ambassador for progressive environmental management that future generations will thank and respect you for.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards

Richie Ball.