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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

My name is Audrey Warner and I am a 79 year old pensioner. Writing this letter is way out of my comfort zone, but I feel strongly that the vegetation protection laws, weakened by the Newman Government, should be re-instated as has been promised, and wish to register my support of this action. Many years ago, I saw first-hand what the clearing of a large area of bushland can do when the land next to our family home was cleared to make way for housing. Following the first heavy rain following the clearing, the water ran down the hill, knocked down our fence, deposited mud in the back yard covering our BBQ and then proceeded down to flood into houses down the street. This was only a minor instance, I feel, as compared to what could happen unless the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 is approved.

For instance, as an ordinary individual, I **cannot** see why the Adani Carmichael Mine has received approval. There must be devastating effects on the Great Barrier Reef if this goes ahead with so much land to be cleared and the massive dumping that will follow.

Even in my own area of the Redlands, there has been just so much land cleared to make way for more and more units. I see the mud running down a local waterway from just one of these bushland clearances, and that mud is heading for our beautiful Moreton Bay; and then there is the planned Toondah Harbour re-development. In past years, we have lost all the mangroves around Raby Bay and now it looks as though the many mangroves around the Toondah Harbour area are to go. I know there must be re-development, but surely there must be a more responsible and ecologically friendly way of doing things.

My apologies for rambling on, but this is something I feel strongly about and would just like to say that I support the Bill introduced to Queensland Parliament to restrengthen the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016.

Thankyou for taking the time to read my submission.

Sincerely,

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