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Dear Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing in support of the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (VMROLA Bill) currently under consideration by the committee.

This is more of an appeal than a submission. I will make two very obvious points only.

First, trees soak up greenhouse pollution, slow climate change, prevent land degradation and soil erosion. These four claims are worth reading again, because trees are so useful. We need more trees, not less.

Second, trees provide habitats for native animals. They are not only sanctuaries, but also corridors between larger sanctuaries. Trees shelter animals whose numbers are declining fast in Australia. Animals, it should be added, include birds, reptiles, amphibians and insects.

I care strongly for trees because they help

1. the land
2. the fight against climate change
3. native animals

Yours sincerely,  
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