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RE: Inquiry into the Queensland land clearing reform Bill

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my concern about the loss of habitats and impacts on iconic threatened critters such as the koala in Queensland. The impacts from tree clearing on the Great Barrier Reef from Great Barrier Reef catchments. The failure of Australia's governments, at all levels to

address climate change and release of millions of tonnes CO2 from tree clearing.

I believe this Bill must be passed because extinction is forever and this Bill contains many of the requirements for protecting what remains of Queensland's irreplaceable native habitat and natural beauty.

I believe this Bill must be passed because it:

--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Removes the ability to get a permit clear for so-called High Value Agriculture, and thus stop large-scale clearing of remnant woodlands.

--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Restores protections for ecologically important re-growing woodlands ('High Value Regrowth') on freehold and Aboriginal land.

--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Restores protections for trees next to riverbanks ('riparian areas') and extending provisions from some to all Great Barrier Reef catchments.

--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Removes the 'oops' defense of claimed mistaken clearing, and restores the starting presumption that a landholder is responsible for clearing that takes place on their property.

--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->It makes much of the prospective legislation retrospective to 17 March, in an attempt to deter panic clearing and panic applications.

Thank you for your time,

Lucy Wallace