



Attn: Research Director.

25 April 2016

Dear Sir/madam,

I am writing this letter in support of the Land Clearing Reform Bill. As an active member of Birdlife Mackay I have a particular interest in the management of land that lies adjacent the Eungella National Park in the Clarke Ranges west of Mackay, Queensland.

I have been coordinating a Eungella Honeyeater 'winter' survey in one such area, the Crediton State Forest, collecting data to determine the significance of three differing habitats with regard to use by this endemic bird. We are soon to begin our third year of a scientifically designed survey.

Information collected has already established evidence to suggest that this bird requires heavily timbered habitat where it has been observed foraging for food when there is no longer any available within the rainforest. During the past two years of surveys there has been logging near our three survey sites and I have been informed that contracts extend into this current year at least.

I fully support the new land clearing reform Bill that's being put forward as it gives me some confidence that these critical areas in the Clarke Range remain secure long term. By eliminating tree clearing it will preserve a valuable food source for this bird.

The distribution of the Eungella Honeyeater is restricted to the Eungella National Park and adjacent forests that occur about five hundred metres above sea level which is the smallest habitat of any native bird on mainland Australia.

Your Sincerely,

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