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Dear Sir

RE: Submission on Queensland Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016

I have read and totally support the submission by Gecko - Gold Coast and Hinterland Environment Council on the proposed legislation to reinstate the Vegetation Management Act.

Further, as Gecko's representative on the original South East Queensland Regional Vegetation Management Committee (SEQ RVMC) for the two year life of the consultation, I submit that:

- The legislation would have been stronger, except for the fact that the Government at the time was determined that landholders and developers were to be given every opportunity to weaken the legislation through the regional plan exemptions and policies. Had they been more science-based, the Regional Plans would have better protected our vegetation.
- Further, provision in the legislation for Areas of High Conservation Value (HNCV) to be totally protected from clearing are irrelevant if the Government does not implement interim declarations and fully declare those areas within the required time frames. To my knowledge, no areas of HNCV have been so declared, despite the Biodiversity Assessment Mapping Methodology (<http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au/assets/documents/plants-animals/biodiversity/planning/biodiversity-assessment-mapping-methodology.pdf>) which describes and maps these values.
- Whilst I agree that endangered regional ecosystems should be protected in urban areas, I further urge that other areas of bushland, such as those that should be declared HNCV or that have other values, should be protected in urban areas, even from the infrastructure exemption.

I trust that my submission will be considered and that Parliament acts to both reinstate and strengthen the Vegetation Management Legislation.

Yours faithfully,

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