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Dear Chair and Committee Members

Submission to Committee on Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016

I am an Australian citizen who migrated from the UK in 1965, and I have lived in Queensland since 1967. I have a first degree in the biological sciences from the UK, and have had a long interest and involvement in the environment and conservation issues. Currently I am a member of the Moreton Island Protection Committee, and an active member of Save our Waterways Now.

I was most concerned when important vegetation protection laws were weakened by the previous state government. Urgent action is needed to reinstate the vegetation management frameworks that were in place prior to the previous government. In my view, it is essential that this Bill is passed, to ensure that Queensland's ecosystems and wildlife are protected from the devastating impacts of broad scale clearing.

I am concerned about the effects of broad scale clearing on climate change through the loss of trees and green space. This impacts on species biodiversity in general, and contributes to the loss of vulnerable and endangered plant and animal species. In addition, near catchment areas broad scale clearing causes run-off on soils and waterways, and on the Great Barrier Reef.

Consequently, urgent action is needed to prevent further damage to the environment by reinstating the vegetation protection legislation.

Yours sincerely

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