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Research Director
Agriculture and Environment Committee
Parliament House
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Re: ***Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016.***

Dear Sir / Madam,

I offer this submission in support of the adoption of the *Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016*.

I will turn 33 years of age next month, and while I don't have children thus far, I hope to in the future. I also hope that my children will get to see a country which boasts abundant and varied native fauna and flora, not just in relatively few national parks, but throughout the state, across a wide variety of habitats.

It concerns me that so much land clearing has been allowed in this state, and that most clearing occurring is for grazing. I don't really want my kids to live in a state which has become one huge cattle run, majority-owned by a few foreign investment companies.

My great-great grandmother spoke of the trees on their property outside Gympie being full of koalas and other native species. Finding a koala outside a zoo / nature park is a rare happening now. It is well known that loss of habitat is the main contributor to species extinction in Australia. Surely we have learned our lesson with 23% of our mammals listed as extinct, endangered or vulnerable.

I strongly urge all those who are involved in the Inquiry and ultimately the politicians who will vote on this Bill to support the *Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016*.

Yours faithfully,

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