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To: Research Director, Agriculture and Environment Committee, Parliament House, BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Sir,

I retired about two years ago and, in the period since then, have been looking for ways to secure the future of the squirrel gliders that live at the end of my street. It has been a revelation. It turns out that studies were done some years back that proved that these animals are becoming inbred, as a consequence of their habitat being reduced to small 'islands'. In other words, to secure their future requires action on the scale of, at least, several creek catchments!

It was also a revelation that nothing was happening to address this. The end result will, of course, be local extinction. Also, the actions required now are not going to be cheap, a consequence of poor planning in the past.

All of this is directly relevant to your enquiry. Animals need habitat in which to live and those habitats need to be largish and continuous if they are to be effective. We will never be able to predict the full consequences of losing species but there is enough evidence to indicate that the web of life is complex and we disturb it at our peril.

Accordingly, I support provisions in the bill that limit clearing of remnant vegetation and ask that you take this into account in your conclusions.

Regards

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