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Dear Committee Members

I write to you on the day following ANZAC Day. In discussing reasons for supporting the present Vegetation Management Bill, I ask myself, what were our servicemen and women fighting for, why did all these people die, if it were not for the preservation of our wonderful life as Australians?

I am seventy-six years old. Born and raised in North Queensland, I remember well the lush forests, bushland, farmland, pristine Barrier Reef, crystal-clear rivers and streams that were my world to explore. I was provided with a rich experience and abundance of Life that is no longer there. Daily, reports of devastation bombard the airwaves and more as more environmentally insensitive and stupid commercial projects threaten even greater destruction.

The devastation and pollution of my environment witnessed over my lifetime saddens me almost to the point of despair.

I have lived at [REDACTED] Toowong in Brisbane, on and off since the 1950s. The loss of habitat throughout the State and here in my own suburb through tree clearing is only too evident. Of course there are other factors such as agricultural and mining practices, but most involve clearing of trees in the first place.

Apart from habitat - trees are the fundamental providers of the air we breathe. Without them there is no survival for humans or beasts.

Surely no better reason can be found for imposing strict governance of tree and vegetation clearing in our State.

I fully support this proposed change to the current tree clearing laws.

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