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Agriculture and Environment Committee

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Dear Chair and Committee Members,

I support the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (VMROLA Bill) currently under consideration by the committee.

The damage to the environment after the previous Government changed the Vegetation Management Act were devastating. This Bill hopefully will reverse the damage. WWF reports that over 200,000 ha of habitat for threatened species has been cleared in the period 2012-14. This is not acceptable and is a disgrace.

I care strongly about Australian native wildlife who lose their habitat and their lives due to escalating land clearing.

Land clearing also pollutes the Reef by disturbing soil, increasing runoff and erosion.

Climate change and also ocean acidification caused by excessive emissions are major threats to the Reef as the recent mass coral bleaching crisis makes clear.

I care strongly about the Reef and am very concerned that land clearing is damaging the Reef through increasing water pollution and increasing greenhouse gas emissions.

The reinstatement of effective land clearing laws is also a promise by the Queensland Government to UNESCO, and a major reason why UNESCO didn't list the Great Barrier Reef as endangered last year. This Bill substantially delivers on that promise to the world to protect the Reef.

I support each of these particular changes proposed in this Bill. I support the Bill because I believe it will restore stronger controls over land clearing, and so prevent further harm to the Reef and to native wildlife.

Yours sincerely,

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