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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Kate Garland. I am the Queensland coordinator for Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots. I am writing to express my utmost support for The Queensland Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016. There are the obvious environment reasons why this large-scale clearing needs to cease: the negative impacts it has on our threatened and endemic species, the devastating effects it has on Great Barrier Reef, as well as increasing the effects of drought, climate change, and soil erosion. But I would also like to draw your attention to negative social and cultural implications that such clearing will have. We have all grown up in a home among our gum trees – and from that cultural upbringing, it has given Australians a profound love and respect for their natural world. The current clearing is stealing our next generation's right to connect with nature and learn from all its wisdom. While some may argue that the reasons for such clearing are fuelled by the promise of increasing economic and agricultural stability. This profit will never be as large as the inevitable loss that this clearing will have on not only trees but entire ecosystems. Our main objective at Roots & Shoots is to create a movement of young people with the vision to protect A. P.E (Animals, People, and Environment). This will not happen if the youth is unable to connect with and be inspired by the environment. I believe that the proposed bill will provide the first step in protecting our environment and ensure a better future for our young Queenslanders.

Sincerely,

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Kate Garland

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