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Dear Chair and Committee Members

Submission to Committee on Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016

Hello, my name is Raine Logan and I am a student studying a dual degree of Science and Arts at the University of Queensland. I am writing to you to show my support of the forementioned bill and its impact on the Australian environment and the many ecosystems it sustains. As a student of geology and archaeology, I have the honour of learning about the earth both in the present and the past, but what is most important is the earth of the future, the earth that I believe we should all be doing our part to protect and preserve.

This bill is important to protecting the earth for a variety of reasons, some are very important on a personal level to me. In my studies of palaeobiology, the effects of habitat loss and climate change on the ecosystems are set into the very earth we stand on and the devastation that has occurred in the past doesn't need to be repeated. The impact of habitat loss on the Koala has been well documented in the past, and to lose an animal so iconic to Australia would be inexcusable if we could have done something to prevent it. Likewise the current issues facing the Great Barrier Reef are harsh enough that they do not need to be made greater through clearing of vegetation around the area that helps keep balance in

the system. Finally the clearing of vegetation does effect the health of the local system and does, in turn, effect the system on a global scale through climate change. This bill is a positive change to Australia because it can help mediate these issues to preserve and protect the environment through:

- Restoring protections for woodland regrowth
- Restoring protections for riverbank vegetation and Great Barrier Reef catchments
- Forces responsibility of outlawed clearing on the landholder
- And will backdate the laws so that people cannot take advantage of any remaining time to overclear areas

This bill will go a long way to protecting our home and preserving not only our environment, but I believe it will preserve the Australian way of life too, ensuring we have our natural wonders to enjoy for centuries more.

Yours sincerely

Raine Logan