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Dear Research Director,

I am writing this e-mail because I think the issue of land clearing is extremely important and I support the new land clearing reform Bill. As a fourth year science student studying ecology and zoology, I have been exposed to research that clearly shows that land clearing has more devastating consequences for biodiversity and environmental processes than initially thought. We are seeing one of our own national species, the Koala, come under significant threat due to clearing, as well as our Great Barrier Reef which is suffering from run-off and pollution. Also, we know that species respond differently to clearing and changes in the landscape and we can't assume that all species will respond the same way. If we do, we will risk further misjudging the effects of clearing on our native wildlife. There is still an opportunity to restore this biodiversity in Queensland before the damage becomes too great to be reversed. The science is saying land clearing is bad, so now let's show everyone else how important it is. I also think this topic does not get talked about nearly enough, and the 'tree hugger' label that people get who care about this really trivialises the issue.

Sincerely,

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