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Dear Chair and Committee Members

I am a Queensland resident who admires greenspace in all forms across our wonderful nation and in particular, Queensland.

The treasures of this state are our reef, our koalas, our beaches and our vegetated land.

One could not imagine traversing the great lengths of this state without sighting a tree, due to 'clearing' for cattle or mining interests. Within the Brisbane region, clearing has, and at Coomers, IS destroying valuable koala habitat and the species.

While bricks and bitumen and dirt can exist alone and together, trees and animals cannot be 'produced' but require our protection.

Short sighted 'economic' gain does not validate land clearing. Farming land requires vegetation to attract rainfall, and we are a drought prone state - is this drought inclination due to our minimal green cover?

Economic is a word , a fabrication - yet one can touch trees, koalas, swim in the ocean and view coral - but if economic

interest is the government's paramount concern, then our senses will be deprived of the natural beauty and stress release of our

natural surroundings. You are elected to PROTECT the environment, not decimate, and definitely clearing land en masse is

not sustainable - another current word in political favour. BE sustainable and pro-environment not ECONOMIC.

I support the Passing of this Bill to protect our wildlife and ecosystems.

Plan for our future, not bulldoze our natural inheritance. You can't buy and replace what is bulldozed - dollars are not the key to our community health, but nature and people are paramount - please protect our forefather's legacy. Our grandchildren will be grateful for your foresight as they run on grass and view koalas as they take a family car drive to the coast for a swim in our pristine beaches. Sounds ideal - make it happen - support the Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016.

Yours sincerely
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