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Dear Chair and Committee Members

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

Thank you for considering my submission on the above Bill. I support the passing of the Bill.

I am passionate about habitat conservation especially protection of remnant vegetation and the wildlife and the flora it supports and protects.

These are some of the main reasons I support the passing of the Bill:

- 1) Ensuring that large scale tree clearing is better controlled and monitored. It is widely accepted that scientific research confirms large scale tree clearing contributes negatively to the impact of climate change on our planet by releasing millions of tonnes of CO2 into our atmosphere
- 2) Ensuring biodiversity in Queensland is protected
- 3) Protecting wildlife habitat
- 4) I have witnessed firsthand the negative impact of tree clearing on soil degradation and erosion especially around riparian zones with corresponding negative impacts on gullies, streams and creeks
- 5) Protecting threatened species including koalas and quolls
- 6) Better control and monitoring of runoff. Large scale tree clearing near river catchments associated with the Great Barrier Reef can cause excessive runoff which has been shown to negatively impact the Reef

Thanks again for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely,

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