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Dear Chair and Committee Members,

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

- The Bill is important to me and my future work as a professional in the management and health of our natural environment and us; being part of its future.
- I am concerned and have seen evidence of where tree clearing has impacts for the protection of koalas, and other threatened species in outer northern Brisbane.
- Since my childhood in Maryborough I have noticed that tree clearing near catchments can cause land erosion and run off into our river catchments – the erosion and run off caused by clearing along the Great Barrier Reef catchment banks is a leading cause of negative impacts to our Great Barrier Reef biodiversity and its hierarchical impact on our future economy.
- My support for passing the Bill lies with broadening protection of riparian vegetation, especially in the Great Barrier Reef catchments of Burnett Mary, Eastern Cape York and Fitzroy Great Barrier Reef;
- Reinstates the application of the riverine protection permit framework to the destruction of vegetation in a watercourse, lake or spring; and
- Reinstates a broader requirement for environmental offsets to be required for any residual impact, not just ‘significant’ impacts as is currently provided for in offsets legislation (and has led to only 1 offset being registered for vegetation impacts since 2014).

Yours sincerely,

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