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

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Quentin LANCRENON and I am a studying climate change and international policy-making on environmentally-related topics at the University of Queensland. I am writing to you about the Vegetation Management and Other Amendment Bill 2016 that I believe is key for the preservation of our native landscape, the preservation of our biodiversity and to support the efforts that have been made on climate action so far by the QLD government.

On a personal level, I strongly care about protecting Queensland vegetation for its positive impact of absorbing CO₂ emissions and making a true contribution at reducing climate change nationally. The rate of clearing has nearly tripled since 2009 which is a dreadful trend, considering that our society should refocus on the preservation of our natural environment more than ever before. What's more, not strengthening these laws will be prejudicial to our incredible national biodiversity not only the koalas but for all the chain that goes from the trees to the degradation of the Great Barrier Reef caused by the possible erosion and run-offs due to the clearing.

As a young people studying the impacts of the environmental crisis on our societies, I am very worried about the actions we do not take to preserve the place where we all live. Therefore, I do support the passing of this bill, to protect Queensland's ecosystems and wildlife. This bill is crucial in many aspects but essentially because it reinstates the protection of high value regrowth on freehold and indigenous land. Furthermore, to me, the broader requirement for environmental offsets that it suggest for residual impact is also a key point, because it will allow to control the impacts of many development projects that are undertaken in QLD and affect the vegetation without compensation. We would certainly agree that the number of 1 offset being registered for vegetation impacts since 2014 is not representative of what should have been considered for offsets during that time, seeing the number of projects developed.

Finally, I call on you to strengthen your commitments to improve this whole situation, which will definitely go through accepting this bill and making more ambitious contributions to protect our environment.

Yours sincerely,

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