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Please find below my submission to the Queensland Parliament Agriculture and Environment Committee inquiry into the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill

The mining industry is winding down-and everyone says that tourism will be our savior. And what does Australia have that no other country has-koalas, kangaroo's emu's-, cassowary's etc. and where do they live? We need to think outside the square and encourage facilities where these can be seen in the wild. I recently went on a bus trip from Brisbane to Melbourne and didn't see a single native animal- what a tourist opportunity lost. We need to actively encourage companies, communities, individuals to preserve the environment, and if it isn't economically viable for such activities we need to think outside the square and find a way to reward such people, either by public acknowledgment or assistance, such as rate reduction. I am in my seventies but three of my most memorable occasions were seeing koala's in the wild-we need to ensure that if clearing is undertaken that at least sufficient suitable vegetation replaces what is taken, in a time frame so that the wild life h

as continuity of a food supply - many developers say they will plant trees but the wildlife will be dead by the time the trees grow. And we need to introduce and publicize walking trails etc-landholders may welcome this if there was some incentive. I greatly fear that in time we will lose the Great Barrier Reef and we need to be forward thinking and ensure that we have alternate attractions-lots of countries have beaches, mountains etc, but only we have our unique wildlife . Let's preserve it and make it a tourist attraction! -----  
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