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Committee Secretary  
Agriculture and Environment Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
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Dear Committee,

**Nature Conservation (Special Wildlife Reserves) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Nature Conservation (Special Wildlife Reserves) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 (**Bill**). This submission is made on behalf of Energy Queensland Limited ACN 612 535 583 (**Energy Queensland**).

Energy Queensland is a Government-owned corporation which provides electricity to approximately 4.8 million Queenslanders. Electricity is distributed by its subsidiaries, Ergon Energy Corporation Limited and Energex Limited, via a network ranging from Tweed Heads up to the Torres Strait and from Brisbane across to Birdsville. This network consists of 33 isolated power stations, 72 bulk supply points, 571 zone substations and 205,000km of powerlines (overhead and underground). Energy Queensland's electricity network is the largest in Australia and is recognised in the Queensland State Planning Policy as a State interest which drives the economy and provides essential services and facilities to Queenslanders.

Energy Queensland supports the new Bill, however, requests consideration be given to amending the proposed section 43G(2) of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992 (NCA)*. This section provides provisions for the approval of service facilities existing prior to the land being made a Special Wildlife Reserve (**SWR**). This section states that 'the chief executive may' grant an approval for an existing service facility. Energy Queensland's electrical infrastructure and communication sites meet the definition of a service facility under the Bill and could potentially be located on land proposed to be made a SWR. This infrastructure is designed, constructed and maintained to ensure it remains in place over a long period of time and can't be easily relocated. Energy Queensland requests that section 43G(2) be amended to state that the 'chief executive **must** grant' an authority to an existing service facility in the event of the land being made a SWR.

We trust the abovementioned matter will be taken into consideration and greatly appreciate the opportunities that the Government have provided us in participating in the review of the

Bill. Please contact Barry James on [REDACTED] or via email address:  
[REDACTED] for any further information in relation to this submission.

Yours Sincerely



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