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

On behalf of the 1000 members of BirdLife Southern Queensland and over 80,000 supporters of BirdLife Australia we would like to express our broad support for the "Nature Conservation (Special Wildlife Reserves) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017".

This bill marks a positive step toward providing a way for conservation managers to achieve long-term protections for efforts to achieve positive conservation outcomes on private land.

This bill also looks to clarify the different kinds of conservation lands held within the conservation estate of Queensland. We feel this is also a step in the right direction as different areas are managed by different groups, and have somewhat different objectives.

We are concerned about the regulatory environment that designated private lands will operate under. If not considered already, there would seem to be a need to ensure that designated private lands are undertaking sufficient conservation actions to warrant continued designation. An independent body that uses widespread monitoring to ensure that conservation efforts are meeting objectives would seem to be required to provide a framework to avoid designated protected areas such as those on private lands not helping meaningfully to meet government objectives. Again, we are unclear how this bill addresses those possibilities.

We are, however, in support of the bill because it does appear to provide greater protection of areas designated for conservation against any significant impacts to the conservation assets in any designated reserve.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith Hoyle".

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