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The Research Director  
Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee  
Parliament House  
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Re: Exhibited Animals Bill 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you to the Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee (AREC), for providing the opportunity for the Zoo and Aquarium Association (the Association) to participate in the inquiry into the *Exhibited Animals Bill 2014*.

The Association's Queensland Branch has been working closely with the AREC for many years and feels that the relationship is integral to ensuring that industry-specific legislation is both measurable and practical for a sustainable industry.

I extend my appreciation and support to our Queensland representatives and reiterate that their concerns are valid (as outlined in their Friday November 7, 2014, submission). In particular, the *Bill's* definition of 'animal' (see Section 12, Meaning of Animal), provides significant concern from both an industry and a regulatory perspective.

If the definition of 'animal' remains as is currently proposed in section 12, all animal classes are covered, including invertebrates. We would support the refinement of the definition proposed by the Zoo and Aquarium Association Queensland Branch in their submission. Such a refinement would avoid unnecessary increase in permitting requirements to both licensing departments and industry.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be involved. We look forward to learning of the outcomes from the inquiry.

Yours Sincerely,

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