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Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee
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To whom it may concern

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the *Nature Conservation (Protected Plants) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013* (Bill).

The LGAQ supports the Regulatory Impact Statement final report, which proposes an amended Option 2. This option satisfactorily addresses the chief concerns of the Association raised in its submission on the *Review of the Protected Plants Legislative Framework under the Nature Conservation Act 1992: Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement*.

The Association's review of the proposed amendments finds that the Bill will provide the appropriate head of power for the required regulations to implement the outcomes of the Regulatory Impact Statement final report. Therefore, the Bill is supported.

The new legislative framework presents opportunities for cost savings for land managers, industry and the State Government; however, it will also present some risks to the objects of the Act, particularly during the transition to the new regime. The LGAQ is seeking assurance from the State that the resources saved as a result of reduced administrative burden within the State are retained and redirected into awareness raising, monitoring the success of the approach and where required, enforcement for non-compliance.

The Association is available to work with the State Government to assist in the development of the regulations. Please don't hesitate to contact Ms Dorean Erhart, Principal Advisor – Natural Assets, NRM and Climate Change, on 3000 2202 or at dorean_erhart@lgaq.asn.au should you wish to discuss any aspect of this submission.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Greg Hoffman', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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