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Dear Sir/Madam,

Submission on the Water Reform and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed regulatory changes introduced by the *Water Reform and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 (Water Bill)*.

I am deeply disturbed by the breadth and scope of the proposed amendments. I fear that some 20 years of good policy, developed with the principles of ecologically sustainable development and the long-term public interest in mind, is being dismantled. I fear the ecological and environmental consequences and the time it will likely take to undo the damage these amendments will inevitably cause.

As a nation, Australia narrowly averted an environmental, social and economic disaster in the Murray Darling Basin. From my perspective, the proposed amendments will set us on a path towards repeating that experience in many parts of Queensland.

I regard these amendments as approaching willful vandalism; as evidence of a refusal to learn from the mistakes of the past; and as a costly betrayal of those who will inherit and have to clean up the mess left for them.

I leave detailed comments on the Bill to the Environmental Defenders Organisation whose submission I wholeheartedly endorse.

Yours sincerely,

