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The Research Director

**Environment, Agriculture, Environment, Resources and Energy Committee**

Parliament House

George Street

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Dear Director,

In light of the elevated interest and discussion in population growth and food security/production throughout the country, HOPE feels that the Queensland State Government should be doing more to protect and even enhance/increase the area of lands allocated to agricultural, horticultural and grazing lands.

HOPE also supports in full the submissions of our colleagues and friends such as Queensland Conservation Council, Friends of the Earth, Condamine Catchment Management Association and Friends of Felton.

HOPE also acknowledges and endorses comments made by the Australian Society of Soil Science Inc, (ASSSI) in regards to the "high productive capacity of the Darling Downs" and the need to preserve these lands.

All good productive farming and grazing land needs to be protected for the long-time benefit of the wider world community and not destroyed/adversely impacted by mining for short-term gains.

Yours sincerely,



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