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Good morning

I do not support private tourist developments in National Parks. This land has been set aside for conservation with public access available to everyone on an equal basis.

My main points that I would like you to consider are,

- Queensland only has 5% of land reserved as National Park (way below other States) - we should not be effectively reducing it further by allowing private interests to have exclusive access
- The primary purpose of National Parks is to protect the environment within the Parks. Tourism benefits from National Parks but its demands should never override this primary purpose.
- The cardinal principle of National Park management is "the permanent preservation, to the greatest extent possible, of their natural condition". The construction of resort developments on National Park land is totally inconsistent with this principle
- Eco-lodges are traditionally sited adjacent to NPs but outside the boundaries - their is no problem with this, and this is how it should continue.

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