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Sent: Wednesday, 19 December 2012 10:51 AM
To: Health and Community Services Committee
Cc: Noosa Electorate Office
Subject: Submission on the Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012

Dear Mr Dowling

Please find below my submission to the Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012.

National Parks provide the highest level of protection for representative flora and fauna as well as areas of significant beauty; this protection to be for posterity; so for 100 years from now and more.

Commercial development within these parks is inconsistent with that charter of protection and should be rejected.

Only 5% of Queensland is dedicated to National Parks; compare this with 9% in NSW, 15% in Victoria and 40% in Tasmania. At 5% our National Parks are minimal (the international standard is 15%) and require all the protection they can get. Allowing development within them will not help in that protection.

Queensland then has 95% of the state available for the development of Eco-Tourist Resorts; operators can readily use that; they may want but do not need access to the parks.

The public already has access to our National Parks and Eco-tourist Resorts are unlikely to improve access for the general public.

There are major pressures currently on our parks; the most significant are climate change, feral animal and pest plants. To place them under yet further stress by having commercial development within them is to unnecessarily compromise their integrity.

In short this legislation is unnecessary and has the potential to for long term harm.

Yours sincerely

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