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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 December 2012 2:04 PM  
**To:** Health and Community Services Committee  
**Subject:** Amendments to the Nature Conservation Act 1992 and the Forestry Act 1959

Dear Queensland Parliamentary Committee

I am writing to express my concern regarding the discussion to allow areas of National Park to be leased to private interests for the establishment of ecotourism resorts through the amendments to the Nature Conservation Act 1992 and the Forestry Act 1959.

Only 5% of land is reserved as National Park in Queensland. This is far below the representation in other Australian states and does not even protect all types of habitats or ecosystems. It is therefore critical that the land that is currently reserved is absolutely, in no way comprised.

The most important purpose of National Parks is "the permanent preservation, to the greatest extent possible, of their natural condition". "Permanent preservation" is key to this definition, emphasising that they must endure political and societal priorities of a particular time. It is fundamentally important to me, to know that they will endure long, long after I am no longer alive – further into the future than what I can imagine.

Please respect, value and carefully manage our National Parks. Greater protection is what is needed – not exploitation. This is what I hope for in a responsible State Government.

Regards  
Jackie Wolstenholme

