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Submission to the
**Health and Community
Services Committee**
in response to the
*Nature Conservation and
Other Legislation Amendment
Bill 2012*

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Position Overview

The Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Health and Community Services Committee on the *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012* which was released in November.

QTIC are in full support of the proposed amendments to the legislation, in particular to the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, enabling authorisation of privately operated ecotourism facilities in national park, national park (recovery), including indigenous joint management areas, and In national park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land). These amendments directly support, and achieve significant milestones in the 12 Month Key Action Plan of the DestinationQ Partnership Agreement between QTIC and the Queensland Government.

QTIC, the Health and Community Services Committee and State Government have been working closely in ensuring that all policies and legislation currently being prepared support the government's commitment to significantly grow the tourism economy as one of the four economic pillars for Queensland.

It is through this partnership that QTIC are able to commend the work achieved thus far, and fully support the proposed amendments of the *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012*. QTIC are now looking forward to moving forward with the Committee and government through further industry meetings, steering groups and collaborations.

Queensland Tourism Industry Council

QTIC is the State's peak body for tourism in Queensland and represents the interests of business operators, 20 sector associations, 3,000 regional members and all of Queensland's 13 Regional Tourism Organisations (RTOs).

QTIC works in partnership with government agencies and industry bodies at a local, state and national level to strengthen the voice of tourism in all relevant policy forums. QTIC's partnerships with the industry and government enable a greater level of responsiveness to increasingly diverse industry skills, training and business development needs of the tourism industry in regions.

Further Enquiries

We welcome the opportunity for further discussion regarding the Amendment and look forward to being involved in the next stages of the process. For all enquiries, please contact Daniel Gschwind (07) 3236 1445 or email policy@qtic.com.au.