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Dear Committee

I am totally AGAINST throwing national parks open to developers and tourist operators as is now planned by the Queensland Government. National Parks are called national parks for a reason. We need areas that are untouched by humans to preserve biodiversity, which we all depend on to survive. Without these species loss will continue to increase at logarithmic rates which further impacts climate change. Opening the parks is a very short term view and economically stupid as they will be worth more untouched in the long term. We must think about our future generations, not just our lifetimes.

Also, our parks are less than 5% of our State, which is below the Australian average and well below international recognised desirable standards.

I am all for building the local economy but it should not be at the expense of our precious native parks and forests! We must be smarter than that. There are plenty of other ways to drive the economy.

I also point out that allowing vehicles etc into parks causes erosion and can spread weed species which can then ruin a national park within years, because the weeds cannot be removed once embedded.

Can you please do whatever you can to protect what we have left of our national parks.

Thank you

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