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Change to the Object of the Act

Today the primary purpose of national parks is to afford protection to and conserve our natural heritage, landscape and cultural heritage. A secondary purpose is to allow people to commune with and interact with nature in passive ways. This well established management principle has been guiding management of national parks.

I am particularly concerned with changing the Object of the Act from "conservation of nature" to encompass "social, cultural and commercial use of protected area". We cannot afford commercial developments in national parks. They will take land and other resources away from the parks and have impacts beyond the resort boundaries. These impacts will have a negative effect on the conservation of nature.

We have less than 5% of Queensland in national parks. We cannot afford to diminish their nature conservation role in any way.

Yours faithfully,

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