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To: [Health and Community Services Committee](#); [Yeerongpilly Electorate Office](#)
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To the committee:

I bring to your attention a summary of my objections to the proposed amendments to this Act. The proposed changes would:

1. Change the Object of the Act from “the conservation of nature” to encompass “social, cultural and commercial use of protected areas”, which alters the fundamental goal, and in fact destroys the purpose of the original act.
2. Abolish a number of classes of protected area: (i) national park (scientific), (ii) national park (recovery), (iii) conservation park, (iv) resources reserve, (v) coordinated conservation area, (vi) wilderness area, (vii) World Heritage management area, and (viii) international agreement area. And introduce a new class, regional park, to encompass conservation parks and resources reserves. This would eliminate protections guaranteed in the original act and valued by most Queenslanders.
3. Substantially change the management principles of national parks and effectively neutralise the cardinal principle of national park management.
As a member of the public in Queensland, I strongly object to these changes.
4. Abolish the forest reserve tenure that was introduced as part of the SEQ Forest Agreement process to be a holding tenure for State forest land that was destined to become national park, but contained a number of encumbrances that had to be negotiated before the land could become a protected area. This is a breach of the public trust.
5. Abolish the requirement to prepare management plans for all protected areas and replace it with a requirement to prepare management statements.

As pointed out by NPAQ, this has very serious implications because the amendments fundamentally change the *legal* interpretation of the Act meaning any developer with a good lawyer will be able to get away with almost **anything!**

If an environmental group wants to challenge any of this once it

becomes law, it (the challenging group) will have to totally fund the challenge and pay the defendant's costs if the case is unsuccessful. Effectively, this means that no group will be able to challenge any developer, council or government in Qld over an environmental issue.

DO NOT ALLOW THESE CHANGES TO BECOME LAW!

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