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To the Chair of the Committee

The cardinal principle of park management is to *“provide, to the greatest possible extent, for the permanent preservation of the area's natural condition and the protection of the area's cultural resources and values.”*

The changes proposed by the *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2013* provide for practices such as recreational use which undermine the cardinal principle. Nature conservation must always override other concerns in determining management practices. The Bill proposes that *“the new provisions mean that nature conservation does not automatically override the other supplementary outcomes in determining how protected areas will be managed.”* (Explanatory notes, Division 5, Clause 24, page 23). This effectively does away with the main aim which inspired the creation of the parks and undoes all the fine work of the distinguished Queenslanders who strove to realise their creation.

Cattle-grazing, quad-bike riding, horse-riding and off-road 4WD driving are examples of activities which impact on parks in a way detrimental to the cardinal principle, and should not be allowed.

We are the temporary custodians of a national treasure which must be handed down unspoiled to those who come after us.

Sincerely

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