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Health and Community Services Committee,
Parliament House,
George Street,
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By Email

Dear Committee,

Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2013

Further to you call for submissions on the above I wish to formally register my views in advance of the closing date.

You will be aware that the primary purpose of national parks is to afford protection to and conserve our natural heritage, landscape and cultural heritage. In fact they protect Queensland's and Australia's biodiversity values, which, you will agree, are unique.

A secondary purpose is to allow people to commune with and interact with nature in passive ways. This is a well-established management principle that has been guiding management of national parks around Australia and in Queensland.

Clearly it would short sighted to allow any commercial development or encroachment onto this relatively small area of state estate and I urge you as a committee to perform the duty entrusted to you on behalf of the community and ensure the conservation of wild nature for posterity and as a symbol of national pride.

Yours faithfully,

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