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**The Chairman,
Health and Community Services,
Parliament House
George Street, Brisbane QLD 4000**

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

- allow commercial, cultural and recreational use of national parks and other public land
- reduce red tape, and
- streamline legislative processes.

With the sad possibility of allowing commercial, cultural and recreational use of national parks and other public land it is worrying that many family aspects of parks will disappear. Surely horse riding, quad biking and 4 wheel driving would be detrimental to parks where families enjoy times with young children and shouldn't have to be concerned about accidents. These pursuits should be well away from national parks with a fee charged for obvious damage that will surely be done to the grassland.

Reducing red tape will mean the general public will have no say as to the protection of national parks. This is unacceptable. We all have the right to speak up and allow our natural parklands to be left alone and not changed without our consultation and input. They should be left for generations to enjoy as they are now.

Streamlining legislative processes. Once again any legislation that removes the protection of flora and fauna, unique to our National Parks, and Australia in particular would be detrimental. The likelihood of partitioning areas of park with barbed wire or other restrictions would cause unnecessary harm to our wildlife. It is imperative that we leave National Parks natural and if recreation of any destructive forms was allowed in parks it would be wrong on many levels. Please leave our National Parks for peace and enjoyment by the public and the wildlife.

The Object of the Act should only be the Conservation of Nature. This should not be changed. Queensland already has the smallest percentage (below 5) of protected area. Surely this should not be reduced any further which it would if allowed for commercial and recreational use.

Other Countries, ie. the UK have specific landed areas for horse riding, quad biking and camping that does not interfere with National Parks. Our National Parks should be left as is and enjoyed in a peaceful environment.

Statements have been made by Newman Government representatives that the proposed amendments being considered by the Health and Community Services Committee leave the cardinal principle for National Park Management untouched. This is misleading the Queensland people who have a long and proud history of support for our natural places, protected at International standard to conserve our public natural resources. The Newman Government is now moving to negate the many years of shared government and community investment in keeping these special places intact, and immune from harmful impacts such as mass visitation access, major development or exploitative commercial activities.

The proposed abolition of 8 classes of protected area would be a huge loss with minimal gain.

World Heritage management areas and International agreements areas should not be abolished.

The loss of National Park (Scientific) and National Park (Recovery) needs to be reconsidered as they substantially undermine the level of protection that is afforded.

I believe that forest reserve tenure should be retained.

I believe that Queensland needs to preserve their National Parks and avoid all Legislation Amendments given in Bill (No 2) 2013, and continue to allow the public a voice so we can continue to enjoy our parks as they are.

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