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To: [Health and Community Services Committee](#)
Subject: Submissions to the Nature Conservation and other legislation Bill No 2 2013
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The Chairman
Health and Community Services
Parliament House
George St
Brisbane 4000.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you as a very concerned citizen regarding the proposed changes to the Legislation in regard to the objects of National Parks.

As a mycologist (student of fungi), I know that in Queensland there have been NO measures taken to protect the fungi of our State.


This whole separate Kingdom of organisms has been very poorly studied, documented and understood in Queensland, and Australia as a whole.

The fact that the web of life could not exist without fungi seems to have passed most people by! In regard to your proposed legislation, unless we afford the greatest protection possible to as wide a variety of habitats as we can, we are likely to lose many species of fungi along with other biota. Already heavy usage areas of our much loved National Parks in South East Queensland, have been invaded by weedy species of fungi from overseas. This tendency will accelerate if Parks are opened up to more social, cultural and commercial use.

I would strongly ask that you do not weaken the protection of Parks for the conservation values that can enhance our understanding of nature, improve our environment and provide a healthy future for our children.

Yours sincerely,

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