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To: [Health and Community Services Committee](#)
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Services,

The Chairman,
Health and Community

Parliament House,
George Street,
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.Dear Sir

I wish to express my concern about possible changes to the nature Conservation Act which may be included in the Nature Conservation and other legislation Bill no 2 2013.

Section 4 of the 1992 Act states the object of the Act is the conservation of nature. Changes to this act by changes to the object expose the natural environment {formerly protected by principles of conservation } to risks of degradation, loss of fauna, flora and biological diversity. Such losses would negate the object of the 1992 Act and are likely to be an offence to many landholders who have declared their properties to be Nature Refuges or lands for Wildlife. These initiatives were undertaken in good faith in the interests of preserving biodiversity adjacent to and connecting with national Parks in which the prime object is the conservation of nature.

Therefore I urge the Committee considering changes to preserve the object of the Act as the conservation of nature. Any amendments of the object of the Act should not risk alienating the thousands of Queenslanders who support the principles of minimising loss of ecological biodiversity through creation of areas protected from intended or inadvertent exploitation for commercial purposes.

The committee will be aware that the rich biodiversity unique to Queensland has not yet been completely documented. Some species are individuals. New species of plants are still being discovered. Please support protecting our natural heritage through legislation which preserves the object of the 1992 Act unchanged. Legislative changes should first ensure no harm is done to the natural environment.

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