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To: Health and Community Services Committee

Subject: objections to changes conservation Act

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The Chairman Health and Community Services Parliament House George St. Brisbane Qld. 4000

I am writing to oppose changes under consideration in the new Conservation Act. I believe they do not uphold the aims of the 1992 Act Sect.4 which states that the Object of the Act is the conservation of nature and Sect.5(d) Protection of native wildlife and its habitat.

I am a member of the Queensland Mycological Society which means I am particularly worried about the fungi. Fungi play an extremely important role in ecosystems , particularly mycorrhizal fungi which people in government are seemingly unaware of. The intrusion of ecotourism, building of lodges, access to motorbikes etc. are extremely harmful to the environment. We need protected areas, scientific areas etc. which seem to be likely to disappear under the new Act.

I am also a member of several other societies such as Birds Qld. the Qld. Naturalists, the Toowoomba Naturalists, Barung Landcare etc. The members are all deeply worried about what is likely to happen to National Parks in the future.

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