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To: [Health and Community Services Committee](#)
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To whom it may concern

Proposed changes to the "*Nature Conservation Act 1992*", the Act.

We strongly believe that the Act should be primarily concerned with the conservation of nature, as is presently the case, and as a consequence the Object of the Act should not be amended as proposed. In particular we object to the amendment allowing commercial use of protected areas.

We are also deeply concerned over other proposed amendments to the Act, which we believe are an attack on National Parks. Conservation of our biodiversity should be the first priority of the Act.

The proposed removal of the category National Park (scientific) needs to be reconsidered. It is understood that the category National Park (scientific) satisfies the IUCN (**I**nternational **U**nion for **C**onservation of **N**ature) category of protected area. These areas involve strict protection and management for a particular conservation purpose. Public access is strongly controlled. This class of National Park is used for parks that protect, *inter alia*, bridled naitail wallabies (Taunton) and northern hairy-nosed wombats (Epping Forest). Our international responsibilities should be respected.

Yours faithfully,

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