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The Chairman  
Health and Community Services Committee,  
Parliament House,  
George Street,  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Sir/Madam

**Submission objecting to changes proposed to the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* set out in the *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No2) 2013***

I write to express my concerns at the amendments that are proposed to be made to the *Nature Conservation Act 1992 (NC Act)* set out in the *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No2) 2013*.

These amendments will only weaken the purpose of the Act, resulting in long-term negative impacts for the ecological integrity of our National Parks.

In particular -

1. The object of the NC Act should be retained as “**the conservation of nature**” only;
2. All the classes of protected area status defined in the NC Act should be maintained
3. The requirement to produce management statements should be strengthened and should allow for a public consultation process.

Queensland has only a small percentage of its land protected within parks and nature refuges. Any increase in the use of this biologically valuable land, and reduction of controls to ensure its protection will be detrimental to future biodiversity, as well as reducing the reason the land was protected in the first place.

The Act should be strengthened – not weakened – to protect the minimal protected land that Queensland correctly has.

PLEASE PROTECT OUR PARKS!

Yours sincerely,

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