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to
The Health and
Community Services
Committee re Nature
Conservation Amendment Bill
(no2) 2013
Dear Committee,

Cardwell
Q4849
11th September
2013

The reason I am writing to you is to remind you that for decades, in turn both political parties, advised by dedicated, intelligent, experienced departmental officers and in consultation with the general public, have worked hard and long to introduce Nature Conservation legislation which protects the natural environment - the most precious asset of Queensland people.

Queenslanders love their country - reef, rainforest, savannah, mangroves, clear streams, wetlands, Wallum country... and the wildlife which depend on it. They do not want to see the comparatively small areas which are protected as National Parks or as other designations, degraded or trashed as would inevitably happen should the proposed Amendments be enacted.

We are relatively well off people and I feel it would a terrible folly to rush into obliterating the careful work of earlier generations by enacting the proposed Amendments, (and as it has been said, "cutting the green tape") when in fact it would be depriving future generations of enjoying the benefits and beauty of their birthright.

Why not withdraw these proposed Amendments and instead propose Amendments which would make our National Parks and protected areas safe from exploitation.

With good wishes,

Margaret Thorsborne AO