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Health and Community Services Committee
Parliament House
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To the Health and Community Services Committee

**RE: SUBMISSION ON THE NATURE CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL
(NO.2) 2013**

Kingfisher Bay Resort Group welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Queensland Parliament Health and Community Services Committee on the *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No.2) 2013* which commenced public consultation period in August 2013. We are members of QTIC (Queensland Tourism Industry Council) and fully support their submission.

We make the following points:

- ✓ Support for the broadening of the object of the NCA to include the themes associated with use by the community, involvement of indigenous people in the management of protected areas, and the social, cultural and commercial use of protected areas in a way consistent with the natural and cultural values of the area.
 - Concern is raised regarding the provision of commercial use consistent with “other values of the area” that may threaten the natural and cultural value of the area.
- ✓ Support for the reduction in the number of tenures to streamline legislative and regulatory complexity.
 - The production of management plans for protected areas has been a complete failure over the 10 plus years. These plans are so incredibly slow to produce that they are usually out of date by the time they are documented or they are never completed – which is more common the case, because even the proponents realise they are already out of date and require further work. Therefore replacing these with management statements seems a reasonable goal which should at least be achieved and provide direction for the management of the Park.

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- Concern is raised regarding the grouping of "Conservation Park" with "Resource Reserve" into the new class of "Regional Park". The intent of the 2 current classes are considered to be significantly different.
- Concern is raised regarding provisions allowing for a "Resource Use Area" (RUA) declaration to be made on all, or part, of a Regional Park. An RUA allows for mining, geothermal activities and GHG storage activities by regulation.
- ✓ Support for streamlining management planning processes under the Nature Conservation Act 1992 to reduce legislative complexity and red tape. This includes removing the mandatory requirement for the Minister to prepare a Management Plan.
 - Abolishing some of the various classes of protected areas does nothing to detract from conservation and is generally good housekeeping especially when some of those classes have never been declared in any area.
 - Concern is raised over the lack of public consultation for management statements (to replace the management plans) over protected areas.
- ✓ Support for an exemption from a commercial activity permit for filming and photography in a protected area where it involves no more than 2 persons and no erection, construction or use of a 'prescribed structure'.
- ✓ Support for a single (combined) commercial activity permit or commercial activity agreement to extend across more than one tenure type (e.g. Marine parks, protected areas, recreation areas and state forests).

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to a favourable outcome.

Kind regards, 

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