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I wish to express my concerns regarding amendments to Nature Conservation and other legislation Bill no 2 2013.

**Making National Parks more accessible to humans, vehicles and cattle will seriously degrade them. I lived for many years in virgin bush and despite our great efforts not to impact on the environment, weed species were brought in on our vehicle tyres and our constant movement on the land caused many species of small plants to disappear, and with them, insects and small creatures that relied on them for food and shelter.**

**Recently we have experienced the devastation caused by even small numbers of cattle in the bush: they eat or destroy everything turning a bush block into a paddock growing only grass and thistles in a matter of months. Biodiversity is essential for all species. We cannot degrade our national parks without eventually degrading our own environment and ultimately leaving a species depreciated country to our descendants.**

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