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To: [Health and Community Services Committee](#)
Subject: Submission - Nature Conservation Act proposed changes
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Dear Committee Secretary,

**RE: Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill
(No. 2) 2013**

I am totally opposed to the changes proposed to the Nature Conservation Act outlined in the above Bill. The stated objectives are in direct conflict to the cardinal principal for creating and managing National Parks; that is that National Parks are created to provide for the permanent preservation of an area's natural environmental and ecological values, biodiversity and culture and the protection of these resources and values.

Opening Parks for development and economic gain is a short and narrow sighted vision that threatens the long term survival of the cultural, spiritual and ecological values, species and ecosystems the Park or other conservation lands are aiming to protect and conserve. Our parks are less than 5% of our state..... such a small area of the state needs to be protected, not opened for development. Keep it simple - keep them for nature and conservation of species, ecosystems, culture and spiritual values - not economic gain. What really attracts people to queensland is its natural, unspoilt beauty.... but the natural beauty is under threat from rampant, short sighted economic development. The proposed changes will allow for this beauty to be spoilt..... we are not God or mother earth... we can't recreate it... so the principal of PROTECTION needs to adhered to here... don't do it!

Regards,
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