

**TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.**  
**"Protecting the quality of living on Tamborine Mountain"**

30th October, 2014

Trevor Ruthenberg MP,  
Chair,  
Health and Community Services Committee

by email to [hcsc@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:hcsc@parliament.qld.gov.au)

Dear Mr. Ruthenberg,

Regarding the proposed amendments to the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006* and the *Forestry Act 1959*, the Tamborine Mountain Progress Association advises as follows:

- to provide for the granting of a single instrument to authorize commercial activities operating across recreation areas and State and/or Commonwealth Marine Parks, including the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area.....

**The Association acknowledges that reducing 'red tape' will allow for commercial development in an easier way.**

- to provide for an alternative mechanism to regulate access to recreation areas, State forests and timber reserves for higher impact non-commercial community, sports and recreation events that are currently regulated under the group activity permit (GAP) classification

**The variety of recreation areas, State forests and timber reserves regarding size and quality is very wide. Careful preservation of some of these areas is essential for long term community benefit.**

**Whilst an alternative mechanism to regulate access may be constructed, it needs to observe best practice, based on scientific and environmental reports, so as not to damage some of the ecologically sensitive areas.**

**Large events may be acceptable in adjoining parks and in State forests. However, most higher impact non-commercial community, sports and recreation events are incompatible with the enjoyment and appreciation of nature itself (plants species, birds, fauna, sounds and smells etc.) that visitors value and expect in a National Park. High impact, and especially large events in a National Park would erode the core values of these parks. Damage to flora and fauna and the subsequent weed problem after land is cleared cannot be reversed.**

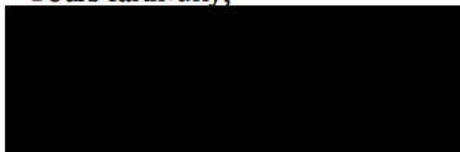
**It would be preferable to retain benefit for both categories of public recreation area users – high impact for appropriate areas, and limited low impact for, e.g National Parks.**

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- to remove the GAP classification

**GAP or an alternative mechanism should be retained to limit impact on sensitive ecological systems such as National Parks where irreparable damage would reflect badly on the State government stewardship of world acclaimed national treasures.**

Yours faithfully,



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on behalf of the Executive of the  
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