

Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] To Whom it May Concern I am writing to you in regards to the bill to allow mining in the World Heritage Wet Tropics. My family has had a history with Far North Queensland since the late 1800's. I am proud of my family history and of the accomplishments that have been made. In 1987 I was in my final year of high school at Ravenshoe State School. As I was a senior we were allowed to attend the rally at the town hall when Senator Graham Richardson spoke to the timber workers in this town. It was pressed home to us the seniors of the school that a new age had come. No longer was there a job available for us in town and that what industry that we were to partake in was not a primary industry from the wet tropics area. This message was hear and we proceeded in various industries far and wide. In this we were told that the government was to be the caretaker of the wet tropics and that they were taking care of this area. And that there was to be NO MORE destruction of the Far North's Rainforests. Compensation was paid to people with close ties to the timber industry. My family not one. As far as I knew the mining leases for the few mines in the wet tropics were relinquished as they could not be maintained, as access was denied. For the mine on the Palmerston at least. I have stayed in the Tropical North and had a successful career, not in the Wet Tropics. Now I find that, to my astonishment that there is a bill to allow the mining in the wet tropics. And with only 19 hours to respond. All that is done here now is that the " old timber cutters" were right when they told me at 17 years of age that the resources of the wet tropics were being locked up and that they would be the bounty for overseas or big business to take advantage of in future years. With scant regard for the people who have followed what was needed to be done to save the planet and to save the rainforest. So this is what the labor party was up to and Paul Keating used the "green vote" to his advantage to halt the prosperity of the North. It is a disgrace to people's intelligence and where is the Queensland government and Wet Tropics DUTY OF CARE that was promised to us all that had to change our way of life to fit with and live with this change in the 1980's. I DO NOT give my consent for the mining of the wet tropics in any form and find it an assault on my way of life. You have made the Wet Tropics a significant part of my life as it stands now and you want to pillage it knowing full well what was preserved in the 1980's for future generations. You wanted the Wet Tropics preserved, and that is how it should stay. Kind Regards [REDACTED]
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