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Wildlife Queensland Gold Coast and Hinterland Branch, a Branch of the Statewide Organization which has been serving Queensland for more than half a century, since it was instituted by Internationally recognized Queenslanders, such as Judith Wright, Dr David Fleay and other eminent founders, is profoundly concerned at having to address legislative proposals of this degree of superficiality, framed with such obvious paucity with regard to duty of care or acknowledgement of conscionable, best practice planning.

The ecosystems of Queensland are unique, a global responsibility and almost half the species living in Queensland are found nowhere else in the World. Queensland is home to 72% of Australia's bird species, 85% of its mammals, more than 1200 species of plants, just over half of its native reptiles and frogs and five of Australia's World Heritage areas. (Draft Biodiversity Strategy 2010 Department of Environment and Resource Management)

However, of Queensland's 1375 terrestrial regional ecosystems, 561 have been classified as 'of Concern' and 222 as 'endangered, some of our most important biodiversity regions have lost over 50% of their native vegetation while 70% of our natural habitat in the eastern and south-eastern parts of Queensland has been lost because of clearing, as at the time of the Report cited above, and the situation because of the careless, exploitive, ignorant and regressive Governemental regimen since that time, can only have depreciated.

Our conservative, senior and highly regarded Society is embarrassed to have to seriously address this proposal, which reflects a highly regrettable disregard of the duty of inclusive guardianship for whole of community, which same intent is inherently embedded in the separation of powers (an ignorance and/or ignoring of this brought Queensland Governance into such disrepute some years agp).

Ameliorating affirmative access so that the range of interest groups within the Community, many of whom have been sidelined in the past, by lack of transparency;, a legal system rectified, as it is often only more easily available to the well funded;, undue complexity which needs to be rectified for accessible for community engagement;, planning legislation with legislation based on fairness, clarity, minimal mutability; no Ministerial discretion without transparent, evidential bases; public submission and appeal rights based on affirmative time frames and transparent, evidential access as to how the community input was effectively assessed and regarded; statutory rights to enable access of complete information; ESD as a core purpose of the Legislative donne; community participation as inherent and all relevant all relative information inherent in the process available prior.

We request the Committee to recommend these Bills not be passed and support the Reform of Legislation consultative process proposed.