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Submission to the Inquiry into the future and continued relevance of Government land tenure across Queensland

The Australian Rainforest Conservation Society Inc (ARCS Inc) has a 30-year history of interest in Government land tenure in Queensland, particularly where the tenure is relevant to nature conservation.

ARCS Inc was involved in the development of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* and, over the years, has strongly defended the cardinal principle of national park management.

ARCS Inc is a signatory, with Timber Queensland, to the SEQ Forests Agreement and participated intensively in the Statewide Forests Process.

ARCS Inc is also a signatory to the Delbessie Agreement, having been instrumental in initiating the cooperative negotiations with AgForce and the Queensland Government that lead to the Agreement. The common ground that facilitated the Agreement was that long-term sustainability of the grazing industry and its international competitiveness were critically dependent on good land management which the Delbessie Agreement aims to ensure. Freeholding could put the future of the industry at risk.

In lieu of providing a separate submission, ARCS Inc wishes to inform the Committee of its strong support for submissions from the National Parks Association of Queensland and the Queensland Conservation Council.

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