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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee consideration of the State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (Red Tape Reduction) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014**

I write regarding the above Inquiry, and wish the following to be accepted as a formal submission to the Committee.  
I oppose the repeal of the Wild rivers Act 2005

The case for removal of these protections has not been successfully made to the people of Queensland. These rivers are some of the few undisturbed rivers left in the world, and they should be kept as such. Northern Australia should not be ripped apart for mining, nor in a misguided attempt to become a new food bowl. We need to protect our current food bowls from destructive extraction activities, and we need to protect the significant environmental and cultural values of Northern Australia.

The Strategic Environmental Areas being proposed by the Queensland government are nothing but a shallow attempt to allow destructive development to proceed. This proposed framework lacks transparency and fails to map specific boundaries, and as such make a mockery of effective management practices.

Yours Sincerely  
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