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To: State Development Infrastructure and Industry Committee
Subject: re: The Wild Rivers Act 2005.

The Research Director
State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

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 sections of the State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (Red Tape Reduction) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 (the Bill) at least to the extent that it seeks to repeal the Wild Rivers Act 2005.

The health of the people and of our communities is inextricably bound to the health of our environments. The Wild Rivers Act 2005 was introduced to ensure the health and longevity of our wild rivers, providing resources for our future generations and prioritising long term gains over short term gains. Repealing the act would have disastrous results for our environment, our economy and our health in the long term and is not worth the minimal gains which might be seen in the immediate future.

I implore you as a citizen of Australia to consider the importance of our natural resources in this matter, remembering that while money has only symbolic value, it is our natural world that provides us with the very means with which to exist. I believe that Queenslanders, and Australians as a whole, know and appreciate the value of our environmental resources and have a strong desire to see those resources protected into the future.

Thank-you.

Regards,
H. M. Foley
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