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State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee
Queensland Parliament

Submission on the SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENTS BILL 2012

Dear Committee,

There seems to be something wrong with your online submission format, as it has not been working for at least the last week. The Oct. 12 deadline for submissions should be extended until you fix this problem, but meanwhile I want to make the following submission.

We strongly urge you NOT TO REPEAL THE NO COST PROVISIONS for the Environment Court or other courts and regulatory operations. If communities or individuals take action against development plans that do not financially benefit themselves and are instigated in the public interest, they should not be forced to pay the (often inflated) legal fees of the commercial developers in such cases. Making communities or individuals pay commercial interests their cost if the legal challenge is lost will eliminate any involvement in the public interest cases and greatly undermine the purpose of having any sustainable planning provisions in the legislation.

Kindly send an acknowledgement of receiving this submission.

Respectfully Yours,

Jonathan Peter

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