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State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee
Queensland Parliament
Parliament House
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sustainable Planning and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 (Qld)
Planning and Environment Court Costs – Proposed Submission

This bill in my opinion limits the access to fair appeals by an everyday Australian Citizen or community group without a deep pocket. The limitations provided in this reform would make it nearly impossible for an individual or small community group to access fair practice in fear of crippling costs.

It seems that today, the environment is least considered in planning and business as usual for increased economic growth is the driving force behind legal reform.

When Australia is nothing but a concrete jungle with too many people in it, who will actually wish to live here. The small farmer or average citizen should have a say in the “Bigger Australia” and limiting laws to only protect the larger Councils and/or Wealthy Queenslanders hardly promotes fair practice.

This may cut red tape for government and reduce costs, yet those of us who deeply care for fauna and flora would have no say in the planning and growth of the region.

Thank you,
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