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State Development , Infrastructure and Industry Committee  
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Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Gibson and Committee Members'

Thanks for the opportunity for the Web Inc , the unfunded Brisbane Region Conservation Organisation to submit comments and Recommendations.

It is unfortunate that department has not released a white paper on such a fundamental suite of amendments, and that the Vegetation Management Unit has not released potential spatial extents or mapping of the as of right or newly projected permit areas for land clearing

#### 1. Mapping

The proposed surgery on the mapping processes deleteriously affects in varying degrees; Land Managers, Agforce, Consulting Industry ,State Agencies, Local Authorities, Catchment Organisations , NGOs,and Koala Groups.

While there are problems with some of the existing products, it is predicted that many of the unmapped vegetation niches (pers comm. SEQ Catchments) lowland Rainforest (5,000ha)unprotected by EPBC and VMAct, and Dry Scrubs will be bulldozed . There are a series of mapping products Regrowth , Essential Habitat, FPC,PMAVs etc which are needed for other Statutory Processes, including the Koala , Vegetation and Biodiversity Offsets and for Climate Change , Bioregional and National Wildlife Corridors. The continuance of SLATS, VMUnit , Herbarium and other EHP programs are fundamental to other mapping such as NRM Mapping, Bare Ground/Erosion /Salinity Mapping, Koala Habitat Mapping, Ecosystem Services Mapping , SOE Mapping, and Threatened Species& Biodiversity and cutting edge Land Research Mapping,inside and outside the Departments . Qld has had the best mapping in Australia for decades. There exists public policy needs and public Interest needs to keep the SLATS staff and programs.

#### 2. Regrowth

While 700,000 ha of Endangered Regrowth would be cleared as of right, that still misses a larger amount of other mapped regrowth including koala habitat, regenerating Rainforest and coastal vegetation a lot of it unmapped outside state layers. Many niche habitats and regenerating rainforest/ dry scrubs are mapped as regrowth or unprotected eucalypt forest. There is no scenic amenity test for knocking down remnant and regrowth in coastal and tourist areas . The majority of rainforest on Freehold is unprotected. The potential impact on Koala Habitat and freehold REs in Coastal , Central and South East Qld together with changing the mapping rules up to 5 hectares will send koalas several species of gliders into Endangered and Threatened Categories because of the niches, tenures , riparian and regrowth areas targeted .

The 56 pages of legislation have wider regulatory, economic and environmental impacts which are detrimental in a climate change era to Tourism and to Threatened Species

Yours Sincerely

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