

State Development Infrastructure and Industry Committee

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To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to lodge a submission regarding the amendments being proposed by the Qld Government regarding Vegetation Management.

My objections are as follows:

I have grave concerns that the proposal will allow for broad scale land clearing with limited checks & balances. We need to protect our natural bushlands be it regrowth or remnant vegetation. These amendments will allow mass clearings.

I have concerns regarding the fact that the Minister responsible will have ultimate power. This is wrong. By proceeding with the proposal, there will be no assessment, public consultation or expert consultation.

Much of Qld's tourism rides on the back of rainforests, wetlands, pristine waterways & national parks. This amendment will allow developers, government agencies & other interested parties to remove vegetation in, near or around such valued land.

Many of our native wildlife, endangered ecosystems & species will be put at risk. They need protecting.

This legislative change will allow all community infrastructure designation to clear all vegetation without considering wildlife, ecosystems or endangered species. It will remove the need for enviromental offsets that they currently have to adhere to. This alone contradicts the ruling that koalas are legislatively protected as they are now considered endangered.

The removal of regrowth vegetation in my area would destroy our rural neighbourhood. Much of our koala habitat is less than 25 years old, however if assessed, much of it would be classified as remnant vegetation. Prior to any bill being passed, all of Qld should be mapped appropriately to ensure accurate records.

The bill mentions the phase "sustainable land use". I would like a clear definition of this phase.

I would ask that the current Qld government takes a step back & commences an appropriate consultation process with community & environmental groups to ensure a truly sustainable future.

thanks for the opportunity to put my point of view forward, I just wish I had more notice to construct a better submission

Your Sincerely
Debra Marie Gilbert