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Committee Secretary

By email: SDNRAIDC@parliament.qld.gov.au

**Submission to the State Development, Natural Resources and
Agricultural Industry Development Committee on the *Land,
Explosives and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018*.**

Dear Committee Members

The Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the *Land, Explosives and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018* (the Bill).

Specifically, ACF has an interest in the proposed amendments to the *Cape York Peninsula Heritage Act 2007* proposed in the Bill.

ACF supports the proposed insertion of the new section 27A (1-6) into the *Cape York Peninsula Heritage Act 2007*.

However, ACF recommends that under section 27A (1) additional lots are added to the list as follows:

(d) lot 10 on SP261207;

(e) lot 6 on SP262507;

The '*protected land*' identified under 27A (1) (a-c) includes the former Shelburne, Bromley and Boynton pastoral leases. These lands have been included in the proposed amendments under the Bill because of their natural and cultural significance.

Shelburne represents the last landscape of its type that remains in an unmined condition and supports a wealth of natural values of national and international significance. Bromley and Boynton to the south also carry these values but with a greater influence of the Iron Range rainforests.

Similarly, the lands identified above (d-e) and recommended to be added to the list have also been identified for their natural and cultural significance and are owned and managed by the Olkola Aboriginal Corporation.

These lands support critical habitat for the nationally endangered Golden Shouldered Parrot, unique spring ecosystems and invaluable cultural sites.



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In summary, the areas identified in the Bill and those proposed for inclusion here are all of national and international significance. Protecting these areas under the proposed amendments to the *Cape York Peninsula Heritage Act 2007* is consistent with a range of other government policies.

ACF recommends that the proposed changes to the *Cape York Peninsula Heritage Act 2007* are supported by the Committee with inclusion of the above amendment adding (d-e) to the list under section 27A(1).

For further information, please contact me on the details below.

Regards

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