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Dear Committee Members,

Re: Submissions on Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, 2018.

Please accept my submission: I strongly support that legislative protections are implemented to their fullest extent.

I am a Wildlife Volunteer... I regularly spend 8 hour shifts supporting the care of injured wildlife. Many of these birds and animals have been impacted by aggressive clearing of wildlife habitat. Isn't it time that our Governments, at all levels, took some care and pride in our native species?

I am one of millions of people in Australia who are concerned about excessive tree clearing and its impact on Queensland's koala population.

Remember, the international community is also watching and must also be appalled by our track record of environmental destruction! Especially, following the reversal of vegetation laws by the Newman Government!

Excessive tree-clearing is threatening to wipe out the last remaining populations of our precious state emblem, in fact, Queensland's Koala Coast has already lost over 80 per cent of its koalas.

This has been due to lack of control over excessive growth in development and the resultant clearing of vegetation that provides for wildlife habitat. These irresponsible acts have been aggressively administered on the Sunshine Coast.

It is a sad and shameful situation when an international citizen has to step in to try to curb koala losses in Queensland. All credit to Richard Branson for creating a koala sanctuary on Makepeace Island.

If koalas die out on our watch, we will have let down our children, our grandchildren and, in view of the whole world, destroyed one of the unique and iconic species that makes Queensland and Australia great. Please don't let that happen.

Now that laws that will restore protection on the trees that koalas and many other wildlife call home are back in front of parliament for consideration, it is your chance to leave a positive legacy and protect our natural heritage – a result we can all be proud of.

We want to see koalas in our collective back yard – from the bush to the city – now and into the future. I urge you to support the protections to their fullest extent. There is a way wildlife and people can share a successful and prosperous future, without destroying wildlife habitat. It is our shared duty to find it and to ensure that our unique heritage of koala and other wildlife species are fully protected.

Yours sincerely,
Christine Bennett