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To: <u>SDNRAIDC</u>
Subject: Land clearing laws

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To whom it may concern,

I'm a Wildcare member and active rescuer and Carer for Wildcare Australia, and have been doing so for 12 years now.

My concerns for the future of our native flora and fauna are significantly relevant in south east Queensland today as over the past years not only have my rescues and number of animals needing care gone up significantly, but the amount of animals that survive have no habitat to be released back into that is not already overcrowded.

Just last year from July to December I alone rescued 43 koalas and of those most were euthanised due to either road trauma, dog attacks, displacement, and disease. All of which related to the huge amount of clearing within my area.

Not to mention gliders with crush injuries, possums with dermatitis due to competition and fighting for territory.. the list goes on.

I'm by no means a tree hugger but I know the facts and the amount of rescues I have been on with dismal outcomes. I believe from what I have witnessed within the last 18months to 2 years is completely tragic for our environment and wildlife's survival for the future. It simply can't go on and the land clearing must have larger restrictions due already overcrowded populations and simply for the fact that we will loose species completely if urgent attention is not given to this very serious matter.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards Natalie Rasmussen