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Dear State Development, Natural Resources & Agricultural Industry Development Committee

As a resident of this area it is important to myself and my family that we protect our local environment. It is important for physical health with maintaining trees for fresh air. It is important for mental health to see nature and not 100% buildings. Its important for our wildlife who do not have a voice and have a right to their home. Its important to keep what is the Australian way of life bush, beach, fresh air and the outdoors, animals and all the things that make this country great.

I will to express my support for the passing of Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018, although I wish to see some amendments to the Bill first.

I strongly endorse the Bill in seeking to scrap high value agriculture as a relevant clearing purpose, protect high conservation value regrowing woodlands, scrap the thinning code, extend Reef riparian areas, and to terminate current Area Management Plans.

I strongly endorse amendments to the Bill to totally remove 'managing thickened vegetation' provisions, to guarantee no new self-assessable code for thinning or new Area Management Plans were possible in the future.

I am disappointed that government is not proposing to substantially tighten up fodder harvesting provisions, including major restrictions and tying any clearing to official drought declaration.

I respectfully ask that the Committee examine options for recommending changes to the Bill and codes accordingly, and to ensure that the above reforms are fully translated into practice.

Even with these reforms, I believe there will be more work to be done in bringing about an end to remnant clearing in Queensland, to better protect threatened species including koalas and their habitats, and to comprehensively protect native woodlands.

Yours Sincerely,
Katherine O'Halloran