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To whom it may concern

I'm writing you as campaigner of the international non-profit Rainforest Rescue, based in Germany.

Queensland in the midst of an escalating deforestation and land clearing crisis. Queensland is the reason that Australia is on a list of global deforestation fronts - the only developed country on that list. The Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Bill 2018 (the Bill) is supposed to address this crisis.

However these changes do not meet the election commitment to 'introduce legislation to protect remnant and high conservation value regrowth vegetation:

Thinning is still allowed via several means. Fodder harvesting is still allowed under Self Assessment and is not linked to "necessity" or "drought." It is allowable to clear an "of concern" regional ecosystem under some circumstances. Not all the promised changes to the definition of High Conservation Value have been made.

Unless these changes are made, we are concerned the Bill will not stop broadscale clearing or protect remnant and High Conservation Value regrowth forests and bushland as promised by the Queensland Government in the election commitment.

Unless these changes are made, we are concerned that we will not see urgent and substantial reduction in the crisis levels of forest, bushland and native animals being wiped out by bulldozers in Queensland.

Yours sincerely,
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