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To: SDNRAIDC

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## Dear Committee.

This Bill is a very complex piece of legislation and no doubt there will be lots of ways to review, but we would like to encourage the Queensland Government to abide by your election promise to drive down excessive clearing rates and to introduce legislation to protect remnant and high conservation value regrowth revegetation.

We fully agree with your statement that "Queensland has witnessed a surge in land clearing since laws and policies were seriously weakened by the Newman LNP government. It is now time to ensure our native woodlands, the native wildlife that relies on them for their habitats, and the iconic Great Barrier Reef are afforded much better protection. Over time, the community needs to see reforms leading to land clearing rates falling significantly."

The tree-clearing laws in Queensland need significant strengthening to ensure the protection of our natural areas and our wildlife.

We also hope that with the passing of the bill, the protected vegetation will be properly mapped and legislation should be enforced.

Regards,

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