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Committee Secretary
State Development and Regional Industries Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Secretary,

As an aspiring professional beekeeper, I am writing to you in support of the Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022.

I understand many of my peers will have already expressed that national parks offer critical nutrition to honey bees. The variety in flora and pristine surroundings build hive health up to perform key services like pollination for our growing agricultural sector, particularly for honey bee reliant crops produced in Queensland. These crops include avocados, macadamias, pumpkins, strawberries, melons and much more. Not only do farmers rely on bees to help grow nutritious food for humans, they also need thriving colonies to help pollinate grains, clover and lucerne hay to feed livestock to produce fibre, dairy, meat and eggs.

If approved, the proposed extension will help support my generation of beekeepers in Queensland continue business growth over the next 20 years. We are a generation of beekeepers who are, more so than ever, attune to protecting and respecting the environment and our whole planet.

With surety of access to national parks, young beekeepers like myself can continue to develop and thrive in the profession. This in turn translates to overall agricultural job security and food security in Queensland, Australia and other parts of the world who enjoy exported Queensland produce, for the next 20 years at least.

Thank you for this opportunity to weigh in on the legislation amendment that I am in absolute support of. I can be contacted via the below details should any further information be needed.

Yours truly,



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