## **Queensland Climate Transition Bill 2023**

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## Coolum & North Shore Coast Care





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Dear State Development and Regional Industries Committee,

## Queensland Climate Transition Bill 2023

Coolum District Coast Care Group Inc. trading as Coolum and North Shore Coast Care (CaNSCC), as approved by our executive committee, are writing to express our strong support for the Queensland Climate Transition Bill 2023 on behalf of our active coast care organisation, Coolum and North Shore Coast Care. Our group is deeply concerned about the health of our oceans and the impacts of climate change on marine & coastal ecosystems.

The Bill's emissions reduction targets and support for renewable energy development are critical steps in addressing the root causes of climate change, which is driving ocean warming, acidification, and sea-level rise. These impacts are already having a profound effect on our oceans, leading to coral bleaching, flood prone river pollution spills, fish population declines, and loss of critical habitats.

As a long running Queensland coast care group, we have witnessed firsthand the devastating impacts of climate change on our marine environment. We believe that urgent action is needed to address this crisis, and the Queensland Climate Transition Bill 2023 provides a comprehensive roadmap for the state to do just that.

In particular, we commend the Bill's focus on building resilience to climate change, which is critical for protecting and preserving our marine ecosystems. By taking proactive steps to mitigate and adapt to climate change, the state can help to reduce the risks of damage and loss due to climate-related events, such as storm surges and coastal erosion.

Furthermore, the Bill's support for renewable energy development is a positive step towards reducing the negative impacts of fossil fuels on our oceans, such as oil spills, habitat destruction, and pollution.

In summary, we urge the State Development and Regional Industries Committee to fully support the Queensland Climate Transition Bill 2023. This bill is a crucial step towards protecting our oceans and the natural environment from the impacts of climate change, and we believe that it represents the best chance for our state to contribute to the global effort to mitigate climate change.

Yours sincerely,



Edwin Hammet Vice President