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Revocation of Protected Areas

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (8.04 pm): I rise to address the revocation proposal and associated regulation. The LNP is also committed to environmental conservation and takes any proposal for revocation of conservation areas very seriously. The Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection, the Hon. Steven Miles MP, the member for Mount Coot-tha, has proposed via the Governor in Council under section 32 of the Nature Conservation Act 1992 that a regulation be made requesting the revocation of specified and declared areas of the Lamington National Park, Hays Inlet Conservation Park 2 and the Palmview Conservation Park. The Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection, in introducing this proposal to the Queensland parliament last year and with what he has just said now, offered a rationale based on the most appropriate course of action to resolve some road issues of significance.

The proposed revocation of part of the Lamington National Park will allow for the alignment of the Lamington National Park road reserve with the actual constructed road. The proposed revocation here is 0.1849 hectares. The proposed revocation of part of the Hays Inlet Conservation Park 2 will ratify the construction of a drain culvert for the Moreton Bay Rail Link Anzac Avenue-Rothwell train station intersection. The proposed revocation for this is 0.0069 hectares. The proposed revocation of part of the Palmview Conservation Park will allow for the upgrade of Pignata Road as a component of the Bruce Highway-Caloundra Road to Sunshine Motorway upgrade project. The proposed revocation for this is 0.7793 hectares.

The LNP will not be opposing the proposal under section 32 of the Nature Conservation Act 1992 requesting the Governor in Council to make a regulation revoking the relevant areas. I know that a number of Sunshine Coast LNP members will make specific comment about the importance of the Sunshine Motorway upgrade project to their region which relates to one of the revocations. There is no doubt that the Sunshine Motorway upgrade project is vital for the Sunshine Coast.

I conclude by saying that overall here in Queensland infrastructure investment is vitally important as well. What we are still continuing to see with this Palaszczuk Labor government is a real and present danger to our economy. Combined with thousands of job losses across Queensland, falling participation rates and spiralling regional unemployment, what this means is that this government will be remembered as one of the most incompetent in Queensland's history.

I look forward to the contributions of my fellow LNP colleagues. I reiterate that the LNP will not be opposing the minister's proposal with respect to the proposed revocations.