



Speech By  
**Hon. Dr Steven Miles**  
**MEMBER FOR MOUNT COOT-THA**

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## MOTION

### Revocation of Protected Areas

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Mount Coot-tha—ALP) (Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef) (8.01 pm): I move—

1. That this House requests the Governor in Council, in accordance with section 32 of the Nature Conservation Act 1992, to revoke by regulation the dedication of parts of protected areas as set out in the Proposal tabled by me in the House today viz—

#### Description of the areas to be revoked

Lamington National Park	An area of 0.1849 hectares described as lot 99 on SP274809, as illustrated on the attached "Lamington National Park: sketch A".
Hays Inlet Conservation Park 2	An area of 0.0069 hectares described as lot 10 on SP285607, as illustrated on the attached "Hays Inlet Conservation Park 2: sketch B".
Palmview Conservation Park	An area of 0.7793 hectares described as lot 100 on SP284502, as illustrated on the attached "Palmview Conservation Park: sketch C".

2. That Mr Speaker and the Clerk of the Parliament forward a copy of this resolution to the Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef for submission to the Governor in Council.

The Palaszczuk government is committed to a strong and expansive national park estate that represents and protects Queensland's unique flora and fauna. This is reflected by a draft Queensland Protected Area Strategy I released for public consultation in January this year. I am pleased to inform the House that all Queenslanders are being given the opportunity to have their say on the future of Queensland's protected areas through a discussion paper. I also encourage members to have a look at this strategy themselves and provide their feedback by next Friday.

Queensland's protected area estate is very important to our conservation efforts, so the decision to revoke land is only taken as a last resort where no other alternative is available. The three revocations being debated here tonight demonstrate this principle. The proposed revocation of part of Lamington National Park will allow for the alignment of the Lamington National Park road reserve with the actual constructed road. Due to historical surveying and construction errors, the Lamington National Park road reserve lies in the Green Mountain Campground while the actual road and drains are located in the national park. By 'opening' the existing road and 'closing' the area reserved for a road in the Green Mountain Campground, Lamington National Park will actually gain 1,396 square metres.

We also propose to revoke parts of Hays Inlet Conservation Park 2 for a drain culvert for the Moreton Bay Rail Link. After completing the construction of a drain culvert for the Anzac Avenue-Rothwell train station intersection, the transport department established that stone pitching from the drain had extended into Hays Inlet Conservation Park 2.

Finally, the proposed revocation of part of Palmview Conservation Park will allow for the upgrade of Pignata Road as part of the Bruce Highway upgrade. Pignata Road serves as an off-ramp to the southbound lane of the Bruce Highway for access to the Aussie World tourism precinct. The Department of Transport and Main Roads requires part of the Palmview Conservation Park for this upgrade.

Whenever revocations occur, compensation is payable to the management of the protected area estate. While these areas are only small, the compensation arrangements reflect the importance of our national parks and protected areas, with revocations only made where necessary and where no alternatives are available. I urge all members to support the motion before the House.