



Speech By  
**Charis Mullen**


**MEMBER FOR JORDAN**

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**MOTION**

**Revocation and Dedication of Forest and Protected Areas**

 **Mrs MULLEN** (Jordan—ALP) (11.56 am): I rise to speak in support of the revocation motion. I support this motion because it fulfils part of the government's commitment to hand back cultural lands to the rightful traditional owners. It also provides for improved community, road safety and capacity in the Sunshine Coast and Fraser Coast regions. The Monkhouse Timber Reserve revocation proposal contains an area of about 9.9 hectares, and its revocation will allow for the area to be dedicated as part of the existing Ngalba Bulal National Park and jointly managed as Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land.

The revocation of 0.1529 hectares from Kondalilla National Park will enable the Sunshine Coast Regional Council to implement road upgrades that will see the unpaved section of Flaxton Mill Road sealed to support the increasing use of the road. I understand the Sunshine Coast Regional Council has considered the proposal carefully and put in place measures to minimise the potential impacts upon the natural and cultural values of the adjoining national park. The proposal will actually help reduce the current impact of dust on the national park caused by existing road use. This proposal will provide positive environmental outcomes for the national park and also into the future to cater for higher volumes of traffic.

The proposed excisions from the Kondalilla National Park are very minor and the outcomes of this proposal are positive for the natural values of the area. Consultation has occurred with affected stakeholders as well as state and local government agencies with all parties agreeing to this revocation. Suitable compensation will be provided for the loss of the state's assets.

The revocation of 0.6849 hectares from Duggan Conservation Park allows for upgrades to Boundary Road and the junction of Boundary and Denmans Camp roads. This upgrade will contribute to improved community safety as well and deliver road infrastructure with increased capacity for the city of Hervey Bay. The proposed works form part of the transformation of Boundary Road into a major urban arterial for public use. The proposal is critical to the community and the city of Hervey Bay, as it will become the secondary east-west arterial road for the city and will service increasing demand on public road infrastructure into the future in Hervey Bay.

The Fraser Coast Regional Council has negotiated the proposal with the Queensland government to minimise the impacts of works upon the natural values of the conservation park. The Fraser Coast Regional Council has determined a number of practical measures to reduce impacts on natural values as a result of this project. An environmental management plan has been prepared with careful consideration to reduce impacts on the conservation park, including the identification of natural and cultural values for the site, minimal vegetation removal, a replacement boundary fence and the rerouting of stormwater flow that would avoid impacts for the site. I understand consultation was conducted with stakeholders and state and local government agencies, and all parties have indicated support for this revocation. I commend the motion to the House.