

Section 78B

Dear Section 78B

Thank you for your letter to the Queensland Labor Party regarding our policy commitments in the 2017 Queensland election and the Queensland Conservation Council's policy document *'Protecting Queensland's Future should come naturally' Conservation Priorities for Queensland 2017*.

The Palaszczuk Government has a strong record on environmental protection over this term of government and will build on that record if we are re-elected.

We are committed to a Queensland that protects our wildlife habitat, our climate and our beautiful reef. Right now land clearing is the greatest threat to those things in Queensland.

After three short years of the Newman-Nicholls LNP government, tree clearing rates in Queensland have again reached unsustainable levels.

The Palaszczuk Government made a concerted effort to arrest unsustainable clearing rates by introducing strong, sensible laws to the Parliament in 2016. These laws were blocked by an alliance of the LNP and crossbenchers.

A re-elected Palaszczuk Government will once again drive down tree clearing rates by legislating to end broad scale clearing of remnant vegetation. We will also establish a \$500 million Land Restoration Fund to facilitate a pipeline of Queensland based carbon offset projects which also pursue environmental and economic co-benefits.

A more detailed response regarding our position on the issues of interest to your members is attached.

There is only one party capable of winning a majority in this election that also supports an end to broad scale tree-clearing in Queensland.



The Palaszczuk Government is the only option to maintain and enhance protections for our wildlife habitat, climate and Great Barrier Reef. Other alternatives are simply not viable or a potential disaster for the environment – it's that simple.

I urge you to communicate this message to your members and interested stakeholders. I hope to keep working with you in the future to implement our laws to end deforestation.

Yours sincerely



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From: 73(2)Irrelevant
Sent: Thursday, 8 March 2018 6:09 PM
To: Environment
Subject: Vegetation Management Amendment Bill

Dear Minister Enoch,

I just wanted to say thank you for meeting with me yesterday and for keeping me updated with the VMA process. I really appreciate the constructive relationship.

From the information I received at yesterday's briefing, and from Minister Lynham's First Reading Speech in Parliament today, the Bill appears to make a really good start to stopping deforestation in Queensland. I just wanted to let you know that there are a number of issues we will continue prosecuting over the committee process, including some aspects of thinning, fodder harvesting, and the amount of remnant and HVC regrowth in Category X and PMAVs.

I will send through a detailed briefing outlining these issues once I've had a chance to fully examine the Bill. I would however like to request a meeting with myself and 73(2)Irrelevant as soon as possible. Please let me know a time that is suitable.

Once again, I really welcome the positive changes and hope to work constructively with you over the coming weeks to ensure that the laws are the best they can be.

Kind Regards,

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