



23 September 2022

The Hon. Annastacia Palaszczuk

Premier, Minister for the Olympics

By email: premier@ministerial.qld.gov.au

CC: Minister Scanlon, Minister Furner, Minister Crawford, Chair of Timber Advisory Panel

The future of Queensland's native forests

Dear Premier,

The Queensland Conservation Council, Sunshine Coast Environment Council, Mackay Conservation Group, Wide Bay Burnett Environment Council, North Queensland Conservation Council, Darling Downs Environment Council, Cairns and Far North Environment Centre, Protect the Bush Alliance, and Gecko Environment Council Association seek the protection and better management of Queensland's native forests across public and private land.

Protecting Queensland's native forests provides economic, cultural, social and environmental outcomes and is consistent with a number of Palaszczuk government policy objectives including the Protected Area Strategy, and your promise to end broadscale land clearing.

The continued logging of Queensland's native forests exacerbates threats to endangered species such as the koala, contributes to climate change through the destruction of native vegetation and diminishes environmental values through ecosystem disturbance.

Specifically we're seeking the protection of state forests across Queensland and reform of forestry across private and leasehold land. This includes:

- The immediate protection of all high conservation value state forests across Queensland,
- A halt to logging in all native forests in state forests in South East Queensland,
- An end to all native forest logging on public land in the eastern hardwoods, central and north Queensland areas by 2026,
- An end to all native forest logging on public land in the western hardwoods region by 2030,

- Substantive reform of forestry operations on private land under the Vegetation Management Act, that may include the creation of a new Category F, that would regulate forestry and management for carbon and biodiversity credits, in line with effective sustainable timber certification.

Your leadership is required to ensure there is government-wide recognition to protect native forests and support growth in the land management, carbon farming and tourism sectors.

Clear leadership by the Queensland Government will guarantee the certainty necessary for ongoing economic investment in the forestry and the emergent land restoration industry.

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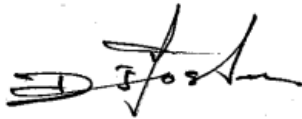
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Director
Queensland Conservation Council

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Lucy Graham
Director
Cairns and Far North Environment Centre

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Peter McCallum
Coordinator
Mackay Conservation Group

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Derek Foster
President
Sunshine Coast Environment Council

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Sheena Gillman
Chairperson
Protect the Bush Alliance



Crystal Falknau
Coordinator
North Queensland Conservation Council



Rose Adams
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