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**National Parks, Recreation,
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Chair
Health and Community Services Committee
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Dear Mr Ruthenberg

Thank you for the opportunity for the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing to present at the recent public briefing on the Nature Conservation and Other Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2013 (NCOLA Bill). In reviewing the transcript of the public briefing, it has come to my attention that one particular comment made to the Committee requires further clarification.

Text from transcript (page 10)

Mr Jacobi - The amendments to the object of the act maintain the cardinal principle for the conservation of natural and cultural values but acknowledge that there are other activities that occur or may occur on classes of protected area under the Nature Conservation Act.

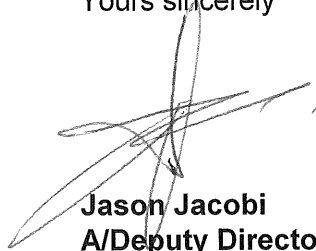
Point of clarification

For clarity, I would like to confirm that the proposed amendments to the object of the NCA maintain the **conservation of nature** as the primary purpose, while acknowledging other supplementary outcomes and activities for which protected areas can be managed. The reference to **cardinal principle** specifically relates to one of the management principles of the national park tenure class, namely to *provide, to the greatest possible extent, for the permanent preservation of the area's natural condition and the protection of the area's cultural resources and values*. Under the NCOLA Bill, the cardinal principle of national park management is also being retained.

I hope that this information is of assistance for the Committee. I would also note that the department is currently finalising responses to the five questions taken on notice at the public briefing which will be provided to the Committee by 9 September 2013.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on telephone (07) 3330 5270 or via email jason.jacobi@nprsr.qld.gov.au should you require any further clarification on the above.

Yours sincerely



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