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Dear Mr Newman

Liberal National Party policies for the environment

I write about the LNP’s policies and positions on the environment, and in particular the approaches you intend to take should the LNP form government after the state election on March 24. Protecting Queensland’s natural environment is something I believe all responsible political parties should be committing to.

However, I am very concerned about the current LNP position on Wild Rivers, which proposes that current protections be significantly weakened and legislation changed or scrapped. Queensland has some of the last remaining free flowing pristine river systems left on the planet, and they need strong protection against mining, dams and intensive irrigation. The Wild Rivers Act and associated Wild River declarations provides such protections, and they must be left intact. I urge you to commit to ensuring they do.

Beyond Wild Rivers, I want to highlight the other main environmental priorities in Queensland, and seek your commitments and responses on these as a matter of urgency.

- Guaranteeing to maintain land-clearing laws and protecting our forests.
- Committing to see through a World Heritage nomination for Cape York Peninsula.
- Committing to establish strong environmental controls on mining development.
- Guaranteeing to protect our marine life from overfishing.

While I await your public statements on these environmental priorities, I would also very much appreciate your personal response to this letter.

Yours sincerely

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