

Get Active: Let them know you care!



Dear member/supporter

Welcome to the Wilderness Society's Queensland Election Action Kit!

You already know that Queensland's spectacular natural environment makes our state a great place to live. Swimming in pristine rivers, snorkelling the Great Barrier Reef, walking through towering forests, having family fun on the beach, and exploring remote Cape York Peninsula – no wonder Queensland's environment is the envy of the world.

As you may also be aware, many of Queensland's special natural places and wildlife are still under threat. Queenslanders will be going to the polls on March 24, and we need to be aware that with the stroke of a pen, Queensland's next government could turn the clock back on environmental protections.

We can't afford to allow our forests and woodlands to be opened up again to logging and land clearing, for laws to protect wild rivers to be torn up, for plans to nominate Cape York for World Heritage listing to be abandoned.

We believe all political parties need to promise that they will commit to:

1. Safeguard our forests and control land-clearing
2. Preserve our unique wild rivers
3. Apply strong environmental controls on mining development
4. World Heritage protection for Cape York Peninsula
5. Save our marine life from overfishing

We see these as Queensland's top 5 environmental priorities, and ahead of the Queensland election, we need to work together to make sure these priorities are guaranteed by the main parties. To be successful in this aim, we all need to pull together, and show that we care!

This kit contains some resources to help you and your friends get actively involved, to make sure your voice is heard:

- **Ideas** for how to make contact with the main local candidates in some key electorates, and the leader of the Liberal National Party – who needs to come clean on his party's environmental policy intentions.
- Some **pointers** on issues you might like to raise through letters, phone calls or personal meetings.
- If you have limited time or don't want to write your own letter, **sign** the prepared letter instead!

As ever, we really appreciate your active support and participation in this vital campaign. Feel free to contact our Brisbane Campaign Centre. Phone 3846 1420 for more information or other resources. To remain informed of where the parties stand on these crucial issues, and to keep up-to-date about our campaigning work ahead of the next state election:

<http://www.wilderness.org.au/queensland>

Thank you from the Wilderness Society Queensland Campaign Team.

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