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For Maiwar ▲

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Protecting and restoring Queensland's world-class forest and bushland

Dear Revel,

Thank you for your email of 9 September 2020, setting out issues relating to deforestation on behalf of the Environmental Defenders Office, WWF and the Wilderness Society.

As spokesperson for the Queensland Greens, and a former Environment Defenders Office lawyer, I thank you for setting out your agenda and confirm I'm pleased to support the following:

1. Strong laws that protect remnant and High Conservation Value regrowth forests and threatened species habitats from destruction.
2. Improved incentives for land restoration with positive biodiversity and carbon benefits.
3. Mapping and protecting koala habitat right across Queensland, not just in South East Queensland.
4. Continuing improvements in methods and technology to detect and publicly report on forest cover change, deforestation and enforcement of laws.

I very much appreciate the time you've taken to expand on the detail of these issues, and to meet with me to discuss your priorities.

The Queensland Greens and I look forward to continuing to work with you in the next Parliament, whatever the outcome, to achieve the best possible outcomes for Queensland's natural environment.

The Queensland Greens' [policy on Biodiversity and the Environment](#) emphasises the critical importance of these issues.

Our election platform for the 2020 State Election is available online at: <https://greens.org.au/qld/plan>.
Our long-standing broader policy platform is here: <https://greens.org.au/qld/policies>.

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I hope this information assists. Please do not hesitate to contact my office on 07 3737 4100 if you would like to discuss this matter in more detail.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MB', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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