

To the Senate Inquiry

I am desperately worried about what has happened here in Queensland since the Newman government was elected to power in March. Someone I know of who worked for 30 years for the Environmental Protection Agency before recently retiring, said that he considered decades of environmental legislation had been wound back in just 9 months.

In particular, I am concerned for the Great Barrier Reef, and the land covered by Wild Rivers legislation. I also worry about the effects of coal seam gas on aquifers, the pressure of development on species like the koala (I watched a recent 4 Corners program on koalas in the south-east corner) and many other areas.

As a state with a now rampantly pro-"development" Premier, we need Federal Environmental protection laws more than ever to preserve precious heritage areas, species and water resources. Please show vision and great determination in preserving this beautiful land for posterity, as the Government did recently with the extensive Marine Park. Future generations will thank you for it.