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Secretary  
Senate Environment and Communication, Information Technology and the Arts  
Reference Committee  
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**Re: Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No 2) 2000**

Dear Secretary,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide a brief submission dealing with the Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill. My comments reflect my background of some 30 years as an environmental management professional. This includes working as a protected area manager, as an international conservation management consultant and as an author of papers and books dealing with trans-boundary conservation management and national level conservation initiatives. Most recently, I have contributed to these themes as the lead author of a new book being published by Oxford University Press titled "*Protected Area Management, Principles and Practice*". The book is Australian in focus, an IUCN project and practical in its emphasis. It is currently being printed and the first copies will be available in Australia in late February.

I mention the book, since the scope of the legislative amendments provides a capacity to promulgate nationally important conservation management initiatives. The carefully evaluated final chapter of the book calls for visionary and big picture conservation initiatives of long term consequence if Australia is to conserve its heritage. It also provides examples of opportunities for such initiatives. The proposed legislation is timely and well directed. It provides a potential mechanism for achieving such goals.

I would like therefore to provide my support to the proposed amendments to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 through the Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000. In particular, I would like to support:

- The capacity of the Commonwealth Government to recognise, conserve and protect places of national heritage significance
- Providing for the management of Commonwealth heritage places
- The establishment of the Australian Heritage Council

I have read the amendments and I am supportive of them. I have not provided any comments in detail, but can provide these if required. In particular, matters such as:

- multi state-territory co-operative management of a place of national heritage value;
- public comments and community support;
- criteria for establishing places of national heritage value;
- management planning;
- national heritage management principles; and,
- leasing, licensing

fall within my area of expertise.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours faithfully

(Signed)

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