

## **TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition of the undersigned Citizens and residents of Australia draws to the attention of the House the substantial detrimental impacts on matters of national environmental significance that would arise from a proposed 500-acre sports and entertainment development in Tamborine Mountain's Escarpment Protection Precinct.

The site (98–196 Guanaba Road, Tamborine Mountain, Qld, 4272) features the Critically Endangered lowland rainforest ecological community and numerous Endangered and Vulnerable flora and fauna species protected under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (ref. EPBC 2015\_7588).

The site borders the Guanaba section of Tamborine National Park and the Guanaba Indigenous Protected Area and contains several watercourses. It is a crucial wildlife corridor, connecting otherwise dispersed areas of habitat.

The Tamborine Mountain Escarpment was formalised as a protected area in 1997, following extensive environmental studies funded in substantial part by the Howard Government. These studies involved professional and academic experts, the Natural Heritage Trust, QPWS, Landcare, the Beaudesert and Gold Coast Councils, local businesses and the community.

The sports and entertainment development 'Guanaba Experience' proposes an extensive network of high-use mountain bike tracks and 4WD shuttle bus trails, campsites, ziplines, bridges and a cluster of buildings that together substantially fragment the site. The development would introduce unacceptable direct and indirect impacts on EPBC-recognised species and ecological communities as well as the broader ecology that supports them.

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