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Ms Paola Cassoni  
President  
The Bimblebox Alliance Inc  
Via Email: [www.bimblebox.org](http://www.bimblebox.org)

Dear Ms Cassoni

Thank you for your email to Labor candidates concerning the protection of the Bimblebox Nature Reserve. I am responding on behalf of the Labor Opposition.

There is no doubt that the Newman Government will go down in history as one of the most radical anti-environment governments Queensland has ever experienced. Queensland Labor has opposed the LNP's environmental wind-backs over this term of government and if elected this Saturday we are determined to return Queensland to a modern framework of environmental regulation, in full consultation with stakeholders.

During this campaign Annastacia Palaszczuk has made a number of environmental commitments, including a pledge to reintroduce Labor's nation-leading tree clearing laws.

Labor appreciates the efforts of private land-holders who manage nature refuges. Our policy platform states;

- 5.34 *Queensland Labor understands that nature conservation cannot be solely confined to the protected area estate and internationally recognised areas. We therefore encourage off-park nature conservation through conservation agreements, education and management assistance to private landholders.*
- 5.35 *Labor will provide incentives and mechanisms for leasehold and freehold land owners to protect environmentally significant ecosystems and corridors.*
- 5.36 *Labor will use the regional planning system and legislative instruments to ensure the protection of the natural environment on private land.*

I understand the particular circumstances facing the Bimblebox nature refuge and we are willing to consider what further actions can be taken to increase protections for nature refuges.

Thank you again for writing on this issue.

Yours sincerely

Tim Mulherin MP  
Deputy Leader of the Opposition

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