



Speech by

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## **DAISY HILL STATE FOREST RESERVE, TRAIL BIKES**

**Ms STONE** (Springwood—ALP) (11.50 am): Our community has worked hard to protect the Daisy Hill State Forest for future generations. That work is now in jeopardy due to an ill-thought out policy. One can imagine the concern from the community when it heard the news that the Daisy Hill State Forest could soon play home to a trail bike park under the LNP'S new trail bike policy. Early in January the LNP announced a policy to introduce dedicated bike parks around Queensland, possibly by reclaiming state forests. A local newspaper journalist even phoned the opposition's office to confirm that the LNP was not opposed to resuming state forest land, like the Daisy Hill State Forest Reserve. They confirmed this to be true. She then asked could they rule out the Daisy Hill State Forest and the answer was that nothing could be ruled out.

I am not surprised by that, because with the meagre \$3 million available for this policy it is quite obvious that the LNP intends to use important public land like the Daisy Hill State Forest. Environmental groups and local residents alike have expressed their concern about this policy. Residents living close to the Daisy Hill State Forest have a right to be concerned about a policy that would allow a noisy trail bike track to be built behind their homes. This policy highlights the LNP's position on the environment. It is willing to clear trees and damage prime environmental resources like the Daisy Hill State Forest so that it can be used for trail bike riding.

Despite the strong efforts underway by the Blich state government to secure important nature corridors for future generations, this LNP policy highlights how at risk this land really is. We continue to improve the koala centre facilities, BBQ facilities and educational facilities, build horse float car parks and walking track facilities and much more to improve the Daisy Hill State Forest for everyone to enjoy, and the LNP cannot rule out plans to place trail bike tracks within the grounds of this unique part of Queensland. The state government continues to work on plans that will not sacrifice our environment for our future generations.

The Logan City Council has confirmed with me that it will never support trail bikes in Daisy Hill State Forest. I now call on the opposition leader to declare his intentions for the Daisy Hill State Forest.

Time expired.