# QGIS Application - Feature request #8479 create layer from selection

2013-08-17 12:45 PM - Gavin Fleming

Status:	Open	
Priority:	Normal	
Assignee:		
Category:	Unknown	
Pull Request or Patch sympolied:		Resolution:
Easy fix?:	No	Copied to github as #: 17246
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Description

New:

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Old:

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## History

#### #1 - 2017-05-01 12:48 AM - Giovanni Manghi

- Easy fix? set to No

#### #2 - 2017-09-22 10:06 AM - Jürgen Fischer

- Category set to Unknown

## #3 - 2017-09-22 11:46 AM - Gavin Fleming

- Description updated

I can't seem to be able to modify the original description so I'd like to change

Gavin Fleming wrote:

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### #4 - 2017-09-22 11:47 AM - Giovanni Manghi

- Description updated

Done. Note: the spatial query plugin was removed in QGIS3.