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Dear Sir,

As a concerned Queenslander with a rural background I believe it is essential that the proposed legislation before Parliament be passed in full.

At present, damage already done to the environment as a result of the Newman Government legislation includes loss of habitat for our native wild life, in particular the endangered koala population, and substantial loss of ecologically significant new woodlands (High Value Regrowth) occurring on both freehold and Indigenous land. Riverlands currently under threat require immediate protection if their fringes vegetation is to be restored to its important duty of establishing water-seeking roots.

I believe the proposed legislation should be passed in full because it is well balanced in its range and will ensure the prevention of further damage of this type. It is particularly heartening that the new legislation includes a clause removing the LNP loophole of 'mistaken' clearing, by which land-clearers have up till now been able to evade being fined.

Thank you for reading my submission.

Kind regards,

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