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Submission regarding Land Clearing Bill

The continuing massive land clearing clearly threatens not only endangered species of animals and flora but the whole biodiversity of a region.

Tree clearing impacts on soil, water quality, rain fall, the Great Barrier Reef; it reduces carbon storage and releases massive amounts of CO2 into the atmosphere.

The benefit of the proposed Land Clearing Bill are that it restores the starting presumption that a landholder is responsible for any clearing that is carried out on their property and it removes the ability to obtain permits for massive land clearing for so called "High Value Agriculture"

It importantly restores protection for high value regrowth on both freehold and Aboriginal land and trees in riparian areas.

Making it retrospective to 17.March 2016 will remove the likelihood of panic clearing.

The Land Clearing Bill ensures the future health of our land and rivers, the survival of threatened and endangered flora and fauna and is to be applauded.

Yours sincerely

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