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Dear Sir/Madam,

I do hope that my submission for The Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016, is permitted, even though I no longer live in Queensland. I would appreciate my submission noted, as an interested Australian.

I am absolutely in favour of the changes to the Vegetation Management Act, which will rein in broad scale and other inappropriate tree clearing across Queensland, by introducing The Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016: in Queensland Parliament.

I am in favour of the Bill because:

Finally! A bill that will make those persons who use the alibi of 'mistaken clearing' accountable for the damage they have done clearing forests and woodlands on their properties;

Preventing large scale clearing of remnant forests and woodland by removing the ability to get a permit to clear, is a great step forward towards protecting the environment;

Protecting ecologically important woodland areas on freehold and Aboriginal land can only be a positive thing; and,

By making the prospective legislation retrospective to 17 March, this may also deter panic clearing and panic applications.

Our country cannot afford any more clearing of natural growth forests and woodlands, most especially with the changes in climate that we are now experiencing. The forests are the lungs of the Earth and we need to save as much as possible if we and other life forms are to survive.

Kind regards
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