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I strongly support strengthening the laws on land clearing to reduce it. The GBR is in serious trouble and we need to do all we can to stop our damage to the environment.

We must stop the loss of habitats for our native species.

We must do all we can to protect the Great Barrier Reef catchments.

We must protect remnant woodlands and let it expand.

The bill needs to stop clearing for agriculture, there is no agriculture with higher value than our native forests.

We need protections for ecologically important regrowing woodlands ('High Value Regrowth') on freehold and Aboriginal land.

The vegetation around our waterways must be regrown to protect the reef.

There must be harsh penalties for landowners clearing land unlawfully.

It is very good that the bill makes much of the prospective legislation retrospective to 17 March.

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