

Submission supporting land clearing legislation in Queensland.

I support the Queensland governments land clearing legislation. I don't think the effect of landclearing is any different across all of Australia. The loss of habitats impacts on iconic threatened species everywhere across Australia. The rate of extinction is alarming . When last we were in Queensland we searched and searched for cassowaries and didn't see one. We're coming back this year and fear there will be change only for the worse. Impacts from tree clearing on the Great Barrier Reef will only speed up the deterioration of the reef – already under pressure from climate change. We've decided it will be too depressing to visit it this time.

With Climate change we should be replanting not engaging in more land clearing and tree removal resulting in the release of millions of tonnes CO2 .

We think the Bill has merit because it restores protections for ecologically important regrowing woodlands on freehold and Aboriginal land.

It restores protections for trees next to riverbanks and extends provisions from some to all Great Barrier Reef catchments. It makes a landholder responsible for clearing that takes place on their property.

Most importantly it makes much of the prospective legislation retrospective to 17 March, in an attempt to deter panic clearing and panic applications. This is what so often happens when land clearing legislation is planned.

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