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To: vminquiry
Subject: Submission in support of Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
Date: Tuesday, 5 April 2016 4:41:15 AM

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to make a submission in support of the proposed Bill *Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016*. With great sadness did I see the big assault of the Newman government on the native vegetation of my beautiful home state, by removing existing protection for our native vegetation and consequently seeing already way too high clearing rates soar even more. The publicity about the giant clearings for so called 'High Value' agriculture at Strathmore Station and many other places in northern Queensland, where I grew up greatly upset me. I grew up on the Great Barrier Reef and wildlife and its habitat have always been very important to me. I was especially devastated when the habitat of the Striped Possum and gliders was destroyed by clearing in my neighbourhood at the time in Far North Queensland. During my time as an artist at a wildlife park I spent a lot of time around Queensland's beautiful wildlife and it breaks my heart to see its habitat destroyed, be it savannah, mangroves or rainforest. Therefore I think the bill is great as it is going to protect remnant woodland from large scale clearing for so called high value agriculture. It protects the Great Barrier Reef by protecting trees on riverbanks and therefore also protects jobs in our most valuable tourism asset. It also doesn't let landholders get away with accidental clearing anymore, which is so important, as it is often impossible to bring back what has been destroyed. I support the bill because it will protect the special places I love, not to mention reducing the enormous carbon emissions from clearing that threaten our climate and may well contribute to the current beaching of the reef, which is threatening our tourism. I think the bill will also help to restore Queensland's and Australia's green image, which will help our economy. We already have enough cleared land to farm and build houses on and do not need to clear any more.

Kind regards,

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