

Research Director
Agricultural and Environment Committee
Parliament House
Brisbane QLD 4000

Friday, 1 April 2016

Dear Sir,

Re: submission to the Inquiry into the Queensland land clearing reform Bill

This is to inform you that I strongly support the Bill introduced to Queensland Parliament to restrengthen the state's tree clearing laws – *the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016*. In short, it should be passed in its current form.

As it stands, the bill reasonably attempts to temper abusive land clearing thus :

- protecting the unique Great Barrier Reef and of its catchment,
- providing adequate habitat for the existing fauna and flora,
- reducing CO² emissions,
- preserving pristine woodland, river banks and Aboriginal land against often abusive and extensive agricultural exploitation.

Why alter a bill designed to strengthen these sound environmental practices?

Moreover, any reform of the bill will dishonour the Federal and Queensland Governments' commitment to the *Reef 2050 long-term Sustainability Plan* and outrageously contradict the United Nation's *Convention on Biological Diversity* that Australia has duly ratified.

Yours faithfully,

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