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To whom it may concern,
I am writing today to express my support for the Bill introduced to strengthen Queensland's tree clearing laws, as a member of the youth population of Australia.

We are in the midst of an important and challenging time in history, in which major reforms must be made and action taken by the government in order to protect the planet on which we live. I think it is incredibly important that conservation and sustainability is given preference over profit, consumerism and power. Protecting the forests of Queensland is one step in this immense task.

By strengthening the state's tree clearing laws iconic, threatened animals with which we share this country with will be better protected. This would also have positive ramifications for the Great Barrier Reef and its catchments. On a broader scale, this would somewhat stem the production of CO₂ and impacts of climate change.

I strongly support the bill as it;
Stops large-scale clearing of remnant woodlands by removing the ability to get a permit for 'High Value Agriculture'.
Restores protection to ecologically important, regrowing woodlands ('High Value Regrowth') on freehold and Indigenous land.
Restores protections for trees next to riverbanks.
Restores the presumption that a landholder is responsible for clearing that takes place on their property.

Governments must be much stronger in their action towards protecting our natural world, and this Bill is a step in the right direction. Create a history worth living for.

Sincerely,
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