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To whom it May Concern,

I am anxious for the Vegetation Management Act bill before the parliament to be passed because-

1. The loss of habitats caused by tree clearing impacts on iconic threatened critters such as the koala.
2. Impacts from tree clearing on the Great Barrier Reef from Great Barrier Reef catchments results in more sediment in the water and destruction of life both plant and animal on the Reef.
3. We were keeping our emissions down before the NLP caused the Vegetation Management Act. Now climate change and the clearing of trees cause the release of millions of tonnes CO2 from tree clearing.
4. Loss of habitats is another problem with this tree clearing.

The bill is good because it-

1. Removes the ability to get a permit clear for so-called High Value Agriculture, and thus stop large-scale clearing of remnant woodlands.
2. Restores protections for ecologically important regrowing woodlands ('High Value Regrowth') on freehold and Aboriginal land.
3. Restores protections for trees next to riverbanks ('riparian areas') and extending provisions from some to all Great Barrier Reef catchments.
4. Removes the 'oops' defence of claimed mistaken clearing,

and restores the starting presumption that a landholder is responsible for clearing that takes place on their property.

5. It makes much of the prospective legislation retrospective to 17 March, in an attempt to deter panic clearing and panic applications.

Yours sincerely,

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