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Re: Submission for the Inquiry on Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016

I am an Australian citizen working in Italy. Other members of my family are resident in Newcastle and Sydney. I am concerned about land clearing in Queensland because of its impact on climate change, wildlife, loss of topsoil, desertification and drought.

I think the bill is good because:

- it restores the *starting* presumption that a landholder is responsible for clearing that takes place on his property;
- it stops large-scale clearing of remnant woodlands;
- it reinstates protection for ecologically important regrowing woodlands ('High Value Regrowth') on freehold and Aboriginal land;
- it reinstates protection for riparian vegetation and extends to all Great Barrier Reef catchments;
- it makes the new legislation retrospective to 17th March in an attempt to deter panic clearing and panic applications.

Yours faithfully,

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