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I support the proposed reform because it is a step in the right direction in dealing with problems caused by current land clearing laws and practices, such as:

The loss of habitats and impacts on iconic threatened critters such as the koala.
Impacts from tree clearing on the Great Barrier Reef from Great Barrier Reef catchments.
Climate change and release of millions of tonnes CO2 from tree clearing.
Not to mention all the native flora and fauna that is lost due to these practices.

I think the Bill is good because it:

Removes the ability to get a permit clear for so-called High Value Agriculture, and thus stop large-scale clearing of remnant woodlands.

Restores protections for ecologically important regrowing woodlands ('High Value Regrowth') on freehold and Aboriginal land.

Restores protections for trees next to riverbanks ('riparian areas') and extending provisions from some to all Great Barrier Reef catchments.

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.

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

Sincerely,
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