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I hereby wish to submit my support for the proposed Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016.

I believe the proposed Bill will decrease habitat loss and impacts on iconic threatened species such as the koala. It will protect the Great Barrier Reef from the impacts of tree clearing in its catchments by extending provisions from some to all Great Barrier Reef catchments. It will lessen the release of millions of tonnes CO2 from tree clearing and it removes the ability to get a permit to clear for so-called High Value Agriculture, thus stopping large-scale clearing of remnant woodlands. It restores protections for ecologically important regrowing woodlands ('High Value Regrowth') on freehold and Aboriginal land and for trees next to riverbanks ('riparian areas'). I'm especially pleased that it would remove 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 also attempts to deter panic clearing and panic applications by making much of the prospective legislation retrospective to 17 March.

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