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## Re: Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016

Australia, as one of the richest societies in history, has an obligation to lead the way for other countries to try to stop global warming caused by human greenhouse gas emissions.

The more trees are left standing the more CO2 is absorbed.

We should be planting more trees not cutting them down except in rare circumstances where not doing so would endanger life or limb.

I urge this committee to register the significance of maintaining as much tree cover as possible in Australia and recommend the government's bill to pass, and not allow small minority financial interest groups such as some farmers and agricultural corporations, from dominating government policy by lobbying to allow vegetation clearing for economic gain. There is much more at stake here than their income.

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