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I care about land clearing because of the loss of Habitats. The land clearing impact on iconic threatened critters such as the kola. It 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.

I support the bill. I recommend its passing because I think the bill is good to remove the ability to get a permit clear for so-called High Value Agriculture, and thus stop large-scale clearing of remnant woodlands. The Bill Restores protections for ecologically important regrowing woodlands ('High Value Regrowth') on freehold and Aboriginal land. It also restores protections for trees next to riverbanks ('riparian areas') and extending provisions from some to all Great Barrier Reef catchments.

- The bill is important because it 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 and it makes much of the prospective legislation retrospective to 17 March, in an attempt to deter panic clearing and panic applications.

Please pass the bill. The Kola's homes are being destroyed.

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