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Submission in support of the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other  
Legislative Amendment Bill 2016

Dear People,

The dramatic increase in unwarranted and damaging land clearing throughout Queensland that resulted from the previous government's lifting of restrictions must be stopped as soon as possible. This reinstatement of these rules will go along way to protect our riparian areas ( river banks), and the catchment areas feeding in the waters of the Great Barrier Reef, which is experiencing an unprecedented bleaching event right now. This bill will restore the protections for regrowth areas, and keep remnant forests from being destroyed under the guise of expanding high value agriculture. Scientific studies now confirm that biodiversity is essential for the health and growth of natural systems, and we must do all we can to protect and increase biodiversity, and stopping this wanton land clearing is part of that process. Land clearing has reduced carbon capture adds to CO2 levels in the atmosphere, and panic clearing must be stopped, which this bill would help to do.

We strongly urge you to pass this bill as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

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