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To: Agriculture and Environment Committee
Parliament House
Brisbane QLD 4000

Attention: Research Director

Dear Research Director,

Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Bill 2016

I am enthused to hear that the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Bill 2016 (VMR) has been referred to the Agriculture and Environment Parliamentary Committee for an Inquiry.

I don't feel like I need to spend too much time explaining why I believe this bill should be reinstated. As it has been in place previously, it is nothing new and it is not an overly restrictive bill. As previously, it still contains significant and numerous exemptions by which land can be cleared.

This bill should really be perceived as a bare minimum in order to move towards protecting environmental, health, bio-diversity, carbon emission and financial interests both locally and globally. Embarrassingly, Queensland has been a national and global leader in land clearing rates over recent years and we need to let go of this mentality.

Let's use our intelligence to see that protecting remnant vegetation, high value regrowth and Great Barrier Reef riparian catchments is part of our responsibility to save the health and delicate ecosystems of this planet and its billions of inhabitants. It is so very obvious that without a healthy environment and eco-systems, we simply will no longer be here. It's time to act.

Many thanks for your consideration and I look forward to hearing about your progress on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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