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I am writing in regards to Queensland Land clearing reform bill. These are some of the reasons why I care about land clearing:

- The loss of habitats and impacts on iconic threatened critters such as the koala.
- 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.
- Other effects of local or other clearing you are aware of or concerned about.

I believe this bill is good because:

- Removes the ability to get a permit clear for so-called High Value Agriculture, and thus stop large-scale clearing of remnant woodlands.
- Restores protections for ecologically important regrowing woodlands ('High Value Regrowth') on freehold and Aboriginal land.
- Restores protections for trees next to riverbanks ('riparian areas') and extending provisions from some to all Great Barrier Reef catchments.
- 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.
- It makes much of the prospective legislation retrospective to 17 March, in an attempt to deter panic clearing and panic applications.

Thank you for your consideration
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