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To whom it may concern,

As a young person of the Australian community, and as someone who has spent several years at university studying both agriculture and environmental studies, the scale and rate of deforestation, land degradation, and pollution in this country is deeply concerning. The rate of land clearance in Queensland has tripled from 2010, and is now happening at a terrifyingly rapid and unsustainable rate. The impact this has on our unique flora and fauna, plus contributions to climate change, is much too high to justify the damage for such short-term economic gains.

I strongly support the proposed Bill, given the much needed protection it will provide to our valuable remnant woodlands. Not only is this important for the biodiversity in the area, but the benefits will extend to our iconic, and now seriously threatened, Great Barrier Reef, by reducing the pollution and degradation of its catchments. It is not acceptable for us to continue to 'cause damage now, and say sorry later', as governments and companies have done for so many years. It is MY generations future at stake, and that of our children. It's time that the government took the initiative and showed that it is making decisions in the best interests of our future, not immediate economic boosts.

Sincerely,

Ali Roush