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SUBMISSION -! VEG. MANAGEMENT BILL.

I AM A 75 YEAR OLD WHO HAS SPENT ALL MY WORK LIFE IN CAPE YORK PENINSULA.

I AM INSULTED THAT A LANDHOLDER WHO MAY NOT HAVE DONE ANYTHING WRONG IS REGARDED AS GUILTY AND MUST PROVE HIS INNOCENCE IS MORALLY + LEGALLY WRONG.

A TERRORIST IS REGARDED AS INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY.

THE COST OF PROVING YOUR INNOCENCE COULD SEND A PERSON BROKE.

ALL THIS NORTHERN AREA OF QLD IS SUFFERING TIMBER THICKENING. THICKENING ON OUR PROPERTY HAS INCREASED 4 TO 6 TIMES SINCE THE 1970'S, LEADING LOSS OF GROUND COVER + INCREASE IN EROSION + PLUS A LOSS OF BIODIVERSITY.

THE ONLY WAY THE LOSS OF CARRYING CAPACITY + CONSEQUENT LOSS OF INCOME CAN BE REVERSED IS TO ALLOW AREAS OF SUITABLE LAND TO BE CLEARED + TURNED INTO HAY GRAIN OR PASTURE. SMALL AREAS ON PINNACLE HAVE BEEN CLEARED OF TIMBER RESULTING IN A 4 TO 6 FOLD INCREASE IN CARRYING CAPACITY + INCOME GAIN. THE HAY PADDOLKS ARE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PARTS OF THE STATION.

ADDITIONAL CLEARED LAND FOR GRAIN + HAY WILL BRING ECONOMIC INCREASE + GOING A LONG WAY TOWARDS DROUGHT MITIGATION.

HIGH VOLUME REGROWTH MAY HAVE A CATCHY BUT THAT'S ALL.

IN THE NORTH HERE REGROWTH. DOESN'T GROW THE ORIGINAL TYPES. THE INVASIVE TREES & THE TREE WEEDS SUCH AS TI TREES WATTLE & MANY OTHERS, INFILTRATE IN AREAS TAKE OVER AS THE PREDOMINANT SPECIES.

THE PEOPLE THAT PROMOTE ENDANGERED RECS HAVE NEVER LIVED IN THE BUSH OR LIVE IN ANOTHER AREA.

ALL LAND HOLDERS IN THIS AREA SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DEVELOP UP TO 20% OF THEIR PROPERTY. CREATES ALTERNATIVE INCOME, MORE JOBS FOR LOCALS & A BOOST FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. IF A PERSON IS NOT MAKING MONEY THE FIRST THING TO SUFFER IS THE ENVIRONMENT.

DROUGHTS ARE PREDICTED TO BECOME MORE COMMON. THERE IS NOTHING MORE DISTRESSING TO A CATTLEMAN THAN TO HAVE POOR CONDITIONED CATTLE, IF HOME GROWN HAY & GRAIN WAS AVAILABLE TO SUPPLEMENT THE DIET & SURPLUS TO SELL WOULD TAKE A LOT OF PRESSURE OFF THE LANDHOLDER.

HOPING, HONESTY & COMMONSENSE WILL PREVAIL IN THE FINAL BILL.

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