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First and foremost i am AGAINST the changes to current land clearing controls.

There are already permit requirements and the onus is on the department approving these permits to do their job diligently, if this isn't achieving acceptable control of clearing then that department needs overhauling, just adding more red tape to an ineffective, inefficient department is not the answer. I am concerned that the hysterics generated by factions like the greens and wilderness groups are disseminating untruthful misleading and down right ridiculous information regarding this bill in order to achieve their agenda! Koalas are not endemic to these areas - that argument is patently ridiculous, tree cover has increased in these areas and scrub maintenance is a necessary part of farming in Australia, you only have to look to back burning in other states to see the requirement for fire mitigation.

I am concerned that greenies are getting too much credence and it's time for the pendulum to start swinging the other way.

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