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Hello,

There has been a wealth of information in recent (and not so recent) times about the negative impacts of land clearing across the State.

Iconic animals such as the koala are having their habitat severely threatened. The bumper sticker you see throughout Australia "No tree, no me" is simple yet so true. This of course does not only apply to koala. Our environment is delicate. Any impact is bound to have negative effect.

Tree clearing has already proved to have negative effects on the Great Barrier Reef and its catchment areas. The increase in CO2 release is something we should be well and truly acting to avoid at all costs.

The Bill has a strong chance of addressing these issues, along with many others. Removing the ability to get a clearing permit for high value agriculture stops large scale clearing of remnant bushlands. Remnant being the operative word. We need to conserve the little that is left. And this protects the reef more.

Protection of regrowth, riverbank and reef catchments is vital to the overall health of the ecological systems in those areas. Making the landholder wholly responsible for any clearing on their property offers further protection, and removes an asinine defence.

I support the passing of the Reform Bill.

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