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Re: Proposed Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation  
Amendment Bill 2016

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to request your assistance in ensuring that the above Bill is not passed. I recently received a phone call from my friend educating me on this proposed Vegetation Management Bill 2016 and the affects it will have on landowners, in particularly, herself. As I reside in a residential area, this Bill affects me indirectly. However, what is really quite concerning is that no one knows about this Bill and the affects it is directly having on landowners in rural areas. I have to ask, where was the consultation and negotiation? This is very concerning!

Labor Government's Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 will remove property rights, reduce productivity on the agriculture sector and threaten jobs! I always try to support our local farmers by buying my produce from the local farmer's market and avoiding large supermarket chain milk and egg products. However, this proposed Bill will cause an even further increase in food prices, making this unachievable for the average person. If farmers have difficulty producing this produce, is there going to be restricted access to buy locally? Let's keep business in Australia, not overseas!

And let's keep in mind that this doesn't just affect the farmers out west (who are already doing it incredibly tough), but ALL landowners! The change in zoning for the proposed Bill covers 100% of my friend's property! Ultimately, that gives her NO rights as the landowner and she has been given no right for negotiation (not to mention no prior consultation). Their property is overrun by vegetation that presents an extreme high fire hazard and also devalues their property immensely. Buying a home is a major financial investment and changes like these may cripple someone's investment, particularly with no consultation or

negotiation. Is the government going to compensate for the significant loss in value on her property and properties alike?

I understand the concern that the Labor government has for Global Warming. However, I do believe that there are better ways to address this issue than control. Negotiate with our farmers and landowners! Make this a consultative process! Farmers have extensive knowledge for caring for the land and it's being undermined. Every family needs a farmer! Every landowner deserves the right to his or her property! I constantly see land being cleared to make way for new residential areas; I like to call them concrete jungles. Our farmers just want to produce local produce for our nation. And landowners only want to create a home that is practical (and safe) for a family. How is it fair that they can bulldoze hundreds of trees and a landowner can't even make rational and effective choices to best manage their land? What is the point of being a land/home owner? Effectively, it wouldn't be ours anyway if this bill was to be passed.

I can attest to the mental, physical and emotional toll this has had on one landowner affected by these proposed changes and I could guarantee that there would be many other rural residents that are in similar situations. I even ask myself if they are even aware of the proposed bill.

I would sincerely appreciate your support in ensuring this amendment is not passed.

Kind Regards,

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