

Research Director,
Agriculture and Environmental Committee,
Parliament House
Brisbane 4001

Harry and Susan Glasson,

[REDACTED]

Yaraka, 4702

20/04/16

To whom it may concern

RE – Vegetation Management bill

I am writing as a sheep and cattle producer in Western QLD with regard to the following insert found in the Queensland Parliament document: "The Bill proposes to amend the *Vegetation Amendment Act 1989*, the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*, the *Water Act 2000*, and the *Environmental Offsets Act 2014* to:

- tighten the vegetation management framework for controlling land clearing in Queensland
- limit the clearing of riparian vegetation, especially in the Great Barrier Reef catchments
- reinstate the application of the riverine protection permit framework to the destruction of vegetation in a watercourse, lake or spring, and
- reinstate certain environmental offset requirements

Our country is "locked in" under a PMAV (Property Map of Assessable Vegetation) which we went to great time and expense in 2008 to obtain and we understood that this gave us certainty to control the regrowth gidgee on our 90,000 acre property which is valued at approximately \$30's an acre. To control the regrowth, more added expense is required - \$15 an acre plus a wait of up to 10 years until the regrowth reaches a pullable height. During this time there is lost productivity due to the regrowth denuding the soil and restricting growth of natural grasses. Presently, despondency is high following such a prolonged drought coupled with very little rain at this late stage of the wet season. Human resources are stretched to the limit and people are weary with added financial pressures and the endless task of tackling the wild dog situation which is deeming sheep producers unviable. More pressures on the livelihood and viability of producers in the form of added regulation to vegetation management is virtually the last straw.

As mentioned in the paragraph above, human resource are limited and we don't need this fight against the Government for a management issue that has been thrashed out over the past 10 years and that landholders are very conversant with. Please accept that the rural industry is on its knees with regulation and climatic conditions and we ask that you review the vegetation management act in a non-partisan, practical manner which will ensure a future for the next generation.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]