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To whom it may concern

I would like to make a submission to the inquiry into the Queensland land clearing reform Bill.

I believe the bill should be supported because it:-

Removes the ability to get a permit clear for so-called High Value Agriculture, and thus stop large-scale clearing of remnant woodlands.

Restores protections for ecologically important regrowing woodlands ('High Value Regrowth') on freehold and Aboriginal land.

Restores protections for trees next to riverbanks ('riparian areas') and extending provisions from some to all Great Barrier Reef catchments.

Removes the defence of claimed mistaken clearing, and restores the starting presumption that a landholder is responsible for clearing that takes place on their property.

Makes much of the prospective legislation retrospective to 17 March, in an attempt to deter panic clearing and panic applications.

If the bill is not supported I believe that native habitats will be adversely affected, including the Great Barrier Reef which is already under stress.

Many types of flora and fauna are threatened by this bill which has the potential to exacerbate the effects that climate change is already wrecking by adding to the release of carbon dioxide due to large scale tree clearing.

Queensland is made up of many diverse bio-systems that are unique, rare and also places of wonder and destinations for interstate and international travellers. These potential 'investors' in Queensland will be depleted and eventually lost if unfettered large scale clearing of land is allowed to continue.

Thanks you for your time

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