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To the Research Director
Agriculture and Environment Committee.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are a farming couple who have always managed our tree clearing responsibly according to the sensible laws already in place.. We view these new laws with abhorrence as being totally draconian. Regrowth must always be controlled so that grass will continue to grow for the production of livestock on the property. This new law bans control of regrowth on freehold land thus reducing the property's productivity and devaluing the property. This law also reverses the "onus of proof" so that farmers accused of unlawful clearing will be considered guilty until proven innocent. Murderers have more rights under Qld's law--- they get the presumption of innocence but not farmers. This is the sort of law one would expect in Putin's Russia, not in an Australian democracy.

We urgently ask you to consider the long term EFFECTS of these proposed laws and abandon them forthwith, as they are, after all, a grovel by politicians for short term Green preferences in Brisbane electorates.

Yours faithfully,

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