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The Research Director  
Agriculture & Environment Committee  
Parliament House  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Sir

**Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment**

As a landholder and primary producer in the Beaudesert electorate, I strongly object to the proposed Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and other Legislation Amendment.

I object on the following grounds:

1. Management of properties to maintain viable agricultural enterprises is essential and the producer "on the ground" is best suited to provide this management.
2. The proposed laws will reduce the viability of properties with the following consequences;
  - Unwanted regrowth;
  - Reduced values of properties;
  - Reduced income making many properties unviable;
  - Reduced income to council and government from reduced land value and income from the primary producer;
  - Flow on effect to rural communities and business ( reduced income and eventually population);
  - Management costs to the producer will increase significantly, for example mustering in regrowth, control of pest animals and declared weeds, fires hazards etc.
  - Increased unemployment in rural industries.
3. A flow on effect from the introduction of this proposed vegetation laws will be reduced production, which will lead to a decline in revenue for our export industry.
4. The proposed laws will also have devastating effect on small rural residential owners (blockies) who find themselves unwillingly in breach of this legislation.
5. The proposed legislation is against all legal principles of "onus of proof".
6. The laws are denial of natural justice and producers' civil liberties.
7. After previously abiding with the forestry management in conjunction with SEQ Catchment, the proposed changes to the mapping will affect these management practices. No longer enabling sustainable logging practices.

In conclusion, in my experience as a primary producer, we see ourselves as custodians of the land so that future generations will benefit from our endeavours and therefore act in the best interests for the future.

Yours sincerely



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