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Dear Chair and Committee Members

Re: Submission to Committee on Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and other legislation Amendment Bill 2016.

I am writing to you as private citizen and I strongly support this proposed Bill for the following reasons.

1. Yet more land clearing took place recently in the upper reaches of the Mary River valley between Conondale and Kenilworth by one dairy farmer.
2. The Mary River is very flood prone because of historical large scale clearing and subsequent disappearance of the riparian vegetation right to the river's edge.
3. The trees are pushed up into windrows and burnt which releases large amounts of CO₂.
4. Important habitat is lost for Koalas and many smaller marsupial mammals, some of which are becoming threatened.
5. Cleared land has been shown to generate drier climatic conditions.
6. I am very concerned about the effect of increased CO₂ in our atmosphere and resulting climate change especially for my children, grandchildren and future generations

I strongly support passing of this Bill which aims to protect forested land from clearing, especially near watercourses.

The passing of this Bill will also increase protection in the Great barrier Reef riverine catchments.

Yours sincerely

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