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Research Director
Agriculture and Environment Committee
Parliament House
Brisbane, 4000

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to voice my concern to any changes to the current Vegetation Management Act.

My family have owned some of our properties in the North Burnett region since 1960. My father took the opportunity to Freehold his properties in the early 1970's so he could manage the timber so that it was not only beneficial to his grazing operation, but also to value add to his properties by the production of useable timber for sawmilling and fencing.

We have never believed in wholesale clearing of our land, but have conducted a thinning of vegetation to promote the growth of sustainable timber reserves and fodder growth for our grazing herd. We believe that we have has much or more timber of a better quality now than when my father bought his properties in the 60's and 70's.

We would like to continue to manage the vegetation on our land in the same manner that we have done now for 56 years. I might add that my family has been living and managing grazing land in the North Burnett since the early 1900's. My sons and nephews now make the sixth generation of the Williams family to make a living on the land.

If we are forced into these new changes to the Vegetation Management Act we believe that there will be no future for ourselves in agriculture as we will not be able to make a sustainable living from our properties or sell our properties as they will be worthless.

We strongly disapprove of any changes to this Act and wish to be left manage our land in the manner that we have always done.

I wish to thank you for taking the time to read this submission.

Yours Faithfully

Peter Williams
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