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Amendment Bill 2016**

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We provide our submission in support of the continuation of the Current Vegetation Management Act 1999 and rejection of the changes proposed in the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 ("the Bill").

Our overriding issue with the Bill is that its introduction in the Queensland Parliament on 17th March represents **yet another** variation to the Vegetation Management Framework, which has been amended over 18 times since its introduction in 1999. This constant change in legislation severely impacts on the ability of farm managers to plan and implement effective long-term property and business management decisions. Ecological processes work in much longer timeframes and can be severely compromised when mismatching, constantly changing regulations are enforced. Farmers have long called for certainty with the vegetation management regulatory framework. With the Bill being introduced when farmers are on their knees with over 86% of Queensland in drought conditions, it should come as no surprise that we are totally opposed to continued uncertainty and attacks on the viability of myself, the **long-term** sustainability of our business as well as attacks on fellow farmers.

Farmers work hard to ensure they manage their land sustainably and they need security and certainty for investment. These laws take away that certainty and economic security. We have paid the large sum to freehold our land in the attempt to give us certainty in property planning. This is impossible when the legislation is constantly changing.

On our property, the impact of the continual change in vegetation management regulation is the uncertainty for the future. We are the fourth generation to be at Angellala Downs and our children would like to be the fifth. For this to happen our land has obviously been very well managed over 110 years.

Self-assessable codes have been very successful and have enabled the application process to be streamlined which is not only time efficient but also cost effective. It is not cheap to develop country and clearing is not undertaken without serious investment. This investment is made for our future and for the future of our land.

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