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Dear Chair and Committee Members

Submission to Committee on Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016

My name is Vicki Johnson and I am an individual deeply concerned with the extent of land clearing that has been taking place in Queensland. This irresponsible broad scale clearing of valuable natural vegetation and the wildlife it supports makes me recall the bad old days in Queensland, when the National Party under Joh treated the environment like a bunch of ignorant vandals.

I am not against farmers clearing land required for definite & timely agricultural or grazing purposes, as long as this is done in the proper fashion with permissions in place: permissions only granted after extensive inspections of the area to be cleared. We cannot afford to have people simply clearing huge areas of land because they 'might' want to use them at some stage in the future, with no official permission required. Ridiculous!

Natural vegetation and the animal life it supports doesn't grow overnight. The Australian environment is a resource that needs to be treasured. There has to be a balance between farming and the environment. This balance has been upset with land clearing becoming overly common. It's simply not necessary to kill everything off everywhere. It doesn't make sense in the short term or the long term. Erosion, for example, is just one problem that will result from this extensive land clearing.

Please ensure that land clearing in Queensland moves out of Joh's National Party shadow. Unnecessary & irresponsible extensive land clearing must be stopped.

Yours sincerely

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