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To: Agriculture and Environment Committee, Parliament House

Dear Chair and Committee Members

I support the Vegetation (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 because

- I believe that access to the natural environment is essential to our happiness and well-being. It definitely is for me.
- I also believe that future generations have the right to access wilderness areas. Queensland is lucky in still having areas of great beauty and value to leave to them. Even more importantly, I think that we have an ethical responsibility to leave substantial habitat for plants and animals.
- On a more practical level, as tourism takes over from mining as one of the State's major sources of revenue the far-sighted approach would be to preserve areas which attract tourists.

Land clearing has an obvious effect on assets like the Great Barrier Reef and icons such as the koala and I'm sure there will be expert submissions covering such topics.

I will just say that I find large scale clearing such as we've seen at Olive Vale Station quite obscene and very hard to understand when the land is then not used for anything. I would ask the Committee to make recommendations which prevent this happening in Queensland.

The current Bill is moderate in my opinion. There were many compromises made at the time the original legislation was introduced which created a balance between productive land management and the maintenance of biodiversity values. I believe that Agforce recognized it at the time.

I would ask the committee to recommend to Parliament that the Bill be passed as it stands.

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