

## SUBMISSION

My overriding issue with the Bill is that its introduction in the Queensland Parliament on 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

It also impacts on the future ability to pass on the family farm to my sons as stated above uncertainty and financial ability to survive as I stated in Parliamentary Enquiry of 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2013 which I was selected on. In this Submission I mentioned that if I was to give my rural property to either of my sons I would probably be sued for "child abuse". My problem with the Veg Management Act 1999 is that the **FREEHOLD** land I bought in good faith some of which has been locked up in the 1999 act. I still have to pay outgoings of Rates Insurance & Duty of Care on the Land and no longer have the use of the total Property purchased by me i.e. property rights taken away with no compensation.

On my property, the impact of the continual change in vegetation management regulation is that the value of my farm has significantly decreased due to its reduced potential for development. Plans for future vegetation management significantly will negatively impact on my farm's viability.

It is a known fact that it is not cheap to develop country and clearing is not undertaken without serious investment. Clearing and developing land is unlikely if there is no financial gain.

Farmers/producers need certainty within legislation to overcome change every election cycle so we can plan for the future and ensure investment availability and opportunities. We cannot get investment from banks or private investors due to constant change when governments change.

Farmers have proven to be the best land managers regarding weeds and feral animal control, whereas various Governments have not invested in their own land to manage the weeds and pests (eg National Parks)

For any further information on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

  
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## SUBMISSION TO:

# Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016

## SUBMISSION COVER SHEET

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