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I'm writing this to express my support for the passing of the *Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016*.

Australia is such a sacred land and as a nation we have a great sense of pride over our beautiful landscapes. With this, the increasingly high levels at which big business are destroying our landscapes through clearing is heartbreaking and needs to stop. The release of millions of tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>, destruction of threatened species through loss of their habitats, negative impacts on The Great Barrier Reef through effects of clearing on catchment areas, and the risk of desertification are just a few of the effects brought about by the currently seen high levels of clearing.

I'm in support of the bill and recommend its passing as it:

- Restores protections for ecologically important regrowing woodlands on freehold and Aboriginal land.
- Removes the ability to get a permit cleared for 'High Value' Agriculture which will stop large-scale clearing of remnant woodlands.
- Restores protections for trees next to riverbanks and extending provisions from some to all Great Barrier Reef catchments.

Regards,

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