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As a very environmentally concerned Qld citizen and an even more concerned Greens member I, Theresa Babcock would like to make the following points in support of the Vegetation Management Reinstatement Bill, 2016.

- ❖ After the Newman Government lifted conservation protection laws in Queensland, land clearing intensified and vast areas of wildlife habitat and significant biodiversity was lost.
- ❖ It has now been proven that the more trees there are has a definite impact on the amount of rainfall. Drought increasingly devastates farming and farmers in Qld
- ❖ Tree clearing near catchments causes land erosion and run off into our river catchment. Erosion and run off caused by clearing along the Great Barrier Reef catchment banks continues to be a leading cause of Reef destruction.
- ❖ Loss of vegetation increases CO2 and contributes to global warming: intensifying the effects of climate change.
- ❖ Broadscale clearing razed trees to the ground, without due regard for ecological or biological values and causing untold dead and injured wildlife.
- ❖ The full impact of this damage is irreversible within this century: Old-growth trees can take 100 years to provide hollows for breeding. From 2012 - 2014, 500, 000 hectares were cleared; of that, 200,000 was habitat for threatened species and 40,000 was koala habitat. This data does not include figures for 2015.

Please give the above made points very careful consideration. I recently saw a Marine Scientist moved to tears because of the man made contributing factors causing the destruction of our very vulnerable World Heritage Great Barrier Reef.

Yours sincerely,

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