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Dear Mr Chair and Committee Members

Submissions Land-Clearing-Reform-Bill

We welcome the opportunity to make submissions on the above bill.

As President of the Wilston Grange Business Community, I am authorized on its behalf to write this letter, as we see it as part of our agenda to make submissions to government on various matters that effect the local community including land clearing.

Having had the opportunity to reflect on both sides of the argument, we propose that:-

1. A permit to clear for so-called High Value Agriculture be retained. This is on the basis that farmers are the best people to know what to do in this regard and often our best land conservationists.
2. Support protections for ecologically important regrowing woodlands ('High Value Regrowth') on freehold and Aboriginal land.
3. Subject to Point 1 above, support protections for trees next to riverbanks ('riparian areas'),
4. Support the starting presumption, that a landholder is responsible for clearing that takes place on their property and the retrospective nature of the legislation to 17 March, 2016.

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