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Re Vegetation management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016.

I would urge the parliament to rationally consider this legislation.

Firstly, vegetation coverage of the state is actually increasing, indicating that this legislation is unnecessary. Staff within the Department of Natural Resources and Mines can confirm this and provide data on this if consulted.

Secondly, prime agricultural land should not be locked up, northern areas of the state actually should be encouraged to develop. With enormous population pressures in Asia and developing food insecurity issues apparent, there are clear moral choices to be made here to assist in feeding the global population with increased production. This will require further clearing and agricultural expansion in the state. Restricting clearing for this purpose is wrong.

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