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Agricultural and Environment Committee Parliament House Brisbane QLD 4000

To whom it may concern,

I support the reforms to the Vegetation Management Act 1999 contained in the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016, and recommend its passing. As an architecture student with a passion for sustainability, I would like to see the reinstatement of vegetation management laws that protect our natural environment and promote ecologically responsible clearing. In line with the Commonwealth's Native Vegetation Framework, it is the Queensland government's responsibility to encourage further action from all land users and managers to ensure healthy and resilient native vegetation is retained over the Australian landscape in the long term. This cannot be achieved while the VMA remains in its current form. The Newman government's move to weaken our tree clearing laws has already shown an acceleration of Queensland's already excessive tree clearing rates – for most years on record, the level of tree clearing in Queensland is greater than the combined total for all of the other States and Territories. In particular, I support the removal of the high value agriculture provisions, where broadscale clearing for agriculture puts Queensland's unique biodiversity values at risk through fragmenting our remnant vegetation, as well as encourages weed invasion and disrupts our natural water cycle.

Sincerely, Georgia Stevenson

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