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To whom it may concern,

We have become aware of the proposed vegetation management legislation in the past few days. As a generational farmer my brother and I have effectively managed and cared for our land as our father and grandfather before us. Such practices have been in place for over 80 years. If these severely harsh and unfair restrictions indicated in the proposed legislation are an omen of the times to come, we are greatly concerned for future farming generations, my son and grandchildren, as it will make it increasingly difficult to sustain effective farming practices.

The following points are our concerns about the proposed legislation.

- Farmers care greatly for the land. It is very inappropriate for anyone to state that farmers are disrespectful to the land. We are extremely aware that any abuse to the land will drastically affect our financial viability and sustainability of the land for food production.
- Common sense. Balanced and effective legislation needs to occur through consultation with the people who are affected by it.
- Innocent until proven guilty. This is what the justice system acknowledges and this is what should occur. Our forefathers fought for the rights of our land and yet the proposed legislation states that as landowners we are now assumed guilty until proven innocent. This attitude will be taken even if any land clearing occurs on false information given from the department.

We are deeply saddened and outraged about this proposed legislation and the dramatic implications it places on the farmers and landowners of Queensland.

Yours sincerely,

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