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To Whom it may concern,

Please reinstate the Vegetation Management Bill (and other Legislation Amendment Bill) 2016. Have we not learned enough from our mistakes of land-clearing? - and what it does to our soil quality, our water ways, our habitats and ultimately the Great Barrier Reef? I am an urban farmer and I know how hard it is to regenerate poor soil. I know what happens to land that bakes in the hot sun, day after day, without vegetation - it turns to sand. I am very concerned that Australia will become an endless dry desert unable to sustain life. Research has shown that it rains less on dry barren land. By extensive land clearing we will exacerbate the extent of QLD's

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droughts, deplete our waterways and threaten an already delicate ecological systems. We will be less likely to be able to sequester carbon from the atmosphere.

We must start seeing vegetation as part of the solution.

Please show Australia that Queenslanders are forward thinking people who don't just plunder our environment for money. Please pass the Vegetation Management Bill!

Kind Regards,

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