

Submission No. 623

SUBMISSION TO:
**Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation
Amendment Bill 2016**

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I provide my submission in support of the continuation of the Current Vegetation Management Act 1999 and rejection of the changes proposed in the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 ("the Bill").

My rejection is in regard to Cat C lands on leasehold lands being deemed High Value Regrowth, even though it is of least concern. There are 100s of 1000s of hectares of these regional ecosystems in western Queensland. My concern is that we have a complete lack of trust in future legislation that may impact on our ability to manage this land in future. This revolves around current thinning provision in the Self Assessable Code

In our case much of this Cat C country (of least concern) has regrowth on it which in my estimation is at least 4 X the plant density of pre European settlement. This is due to the change in stocking procedure over the last 20 years i.e. the change from sheep and wool production to that of beef production due to the ever increasing wild dog problem that is ravaging the south west. Sheep by their foraging nature keep much of this regrowth under control without expensive control measures.

Under the current self-assessable thinning provisions this regrowth is able to be managed economically. The removal of these 'thinning' provisions would deem some of this Cat C land unviable due to thick regrowth. In some areas this regrowth becomes a complete monoculture of trees with no ground cover therefore promoting runoff, erosion and soil degradation. We must be able to manage this regrowth economically on a large scale basis.

We are also concerned about the complete lack of knowledge of the management of these lands by city politicians worried about little else than the urban vote and the election cycle. To prevent the decision makers in making ill-informed decisions, it is imperative that the decision makers come out and inspect the areas for themselves, to talk to the stakeholders, to get a full understanding of these issues and the impact they may have on our property, our business and our region.

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