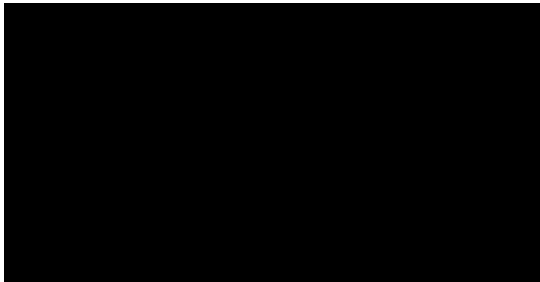


SUBMISSION TO:
Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation
Amendment Bill 2016

- Raymond G Bendel & Rosanne H Bendel
- Owners



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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.

My overriding issue with the amendment is that its introduction in the Queensland Parliament on 17th March represents yet another variation to the Vegetation Management Framework.

Key provisions of the proposed legislation which I oppose are :

1. Removing High Value Agriculture and Irrigated High Value Agriculture from the Vegetation Management Framework
2. Re-introducing Reverse Onus-of-proof
3. That no compensation will be payable to HVA, IHVA and Property Map of Assessable Vegetation (PMAV) applicants during transitional arrangements
4. Including High Value Regrowth as an additional layer of regulation under the Vegetation Management Framework on leasehold, freehold and indigenous land
5. Increasing Category R vegetation

New legislation will –

- Removal of the existing Bill will affect our ability to grow increasing amounts of hay and grain for survival of livestock throughout periods of low rainfall
- Inclusion of Onus of Proof presumes that I am guilty until proven innocent not fair this to apply only to ourselves as the landholders
- HVR layer was originally prepared hastily and includes areas of little or no trees and bare earth or significance

- These proposed changes will deny us the opportunity to diversify and maintain our current production levels and drought resilience

These changes will not allow us to –

- Maintain our current productivity
- Diversify
- Control regrowth to maintain productivity
- Deny us opportunities to increase our productivity for the upcoming generations

[REDACTED] is a **freehold** property and we will be denied our rights as land owners. It is in our best interest and the interests of future family generations that we 'care take' our land i.e. farm in appropriate manner.

There are no creeks or streams on [REDACTED] therefore there is no run off water into creeks or streams.

There are two small earth dams that supply stock water during the wetter part of the year, otherwise water is from bores. The household is also serviced by bore water.

[REDACTED] has average rainfall of 20" per year. Therefore all irrigation for agriculture and intended agriculture is pumped from a bore. There is adequate water flow available to increase production.

With development we look forward to the opportunity to making this property more productive in order to support family members.

These new laws will inhibit our ability to future develop and maintain our current lifestyle and that of our families.

[REDACTED]
Rosanne Bendel
On behalf of
Ray & Rosanne Bendel