

29 April 2016

Agriculture and Environment Parliamentary Committee

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

Dear Committee Members,

I wish to voice my support for this bill in the strongest possible terms. Three generations of my family live on a small acreage close to Lake Cootharaba and have known the areas around the Sunshine Coast Hinterland all our lives.

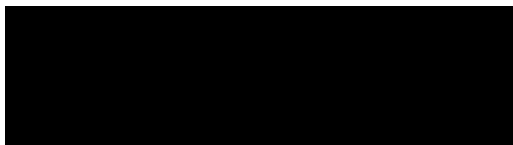
The older members of my family are appalled when we recall how much land and habitat has been lost over the last 40 or more years, and the impact this has had on native wildlife.

Even over the last few years we have seen species which once were common almost disappear from view.

This would be devastating enough if it only affected our local area, but it does not. Habitats and environments across the state are threatened, and we now face the dire prospect of losing the Great Barrier Reef.

We beg the committee to support action that will strengthen the ability of the government to prevent or control wide-scale land clearing, and to make a long-term investment in the quality of life of future generations, which depends on retaining as much as possible of our invaluable native woodlands.

Kind regards,



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