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Re: Submission to Committee on the [Queensland Vegetation Management \(Reinstatement\) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016](#)

Dear Sir/Madam,

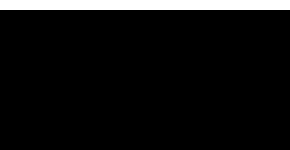
I thank you for the opportunity to comment and please accept this as a submission to the proposed Queensland Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other legislation Amendment Bill 2016. I am a landholder in the Mary River catchment and conduct a grazing business on my freehold land. About half the property has been thinned (not cleared) in the mid 1990 some of which was classified as vegetation of concern.

I care about protecting our vegetation to reduce land erosion and run off into our river catchments, and for protection of wildlife habitat. I support the passing of this Bill for a number of reasons:

- It broadens protection of riparian vegetation, especially in the Great Barrier Reef catchments of Burnett Mary, Eastern Cape York and Fitzroy Great Barrier Reef;
- It reinstates the application of the riverine protection permit framework to the destruction of vegetation in a watercourse, lake or spring;

However I am concerned about how it reinstates the protection of high value regrowth on freehold and indigenous land. The amendments may restrict thinning of the regrowth necessary to maintain the long term viability of a grazing enterprise. Thinning of certain regrowth tree species is necessary to manage for future use of tree species that could provide a sustainable timber return from the property and without some thinning of regrowth, pastures will decline significantly, reducing the animal stocking rate and making the grazing business unviable.

Yours Sincerely



Glenda Pickersgill