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To whom it may concern

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I am writing to express my support of the reinstatement of tighter native vegetation land clearing laws. I'm sure this office will be inundated with the opinions of concerned citizens mentioning the flow on affects of land clearing for so-called 'high value agriculture', such as:

- eutrophication damaging the Great Barrier Reef and associated tourism and fishing industries
- destructive climate change amplified by the removal of carbon sinks
- biodiversity loss

to name a few.

I believe the bill to be good as it enforces heightened accountability by targeting panic clearing and aims to protect high value regrowth.

I won't go into detail on these points as I would like to specifically discuss so-called 'high value agriculture'. I believe that tightened native land clearing laws will encourage food cultivators and suppliers to shift their business model from one of mono-culture, which is essentially an unsustainable drain on the land relying on expensive inputs, to a multi-culture system as described following permaculture principles. It isn't utopian hippy theology that systems can be designed to utilise and recycle resources thus removing waste. In fact with human ingenuity and careful monitoring and tweaking, much can be accomplished. Reinstatement of these laws can be one step in the right direction towards truly sustainable land use.

Warmest Regard
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