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Please find below my submission to the Queensland Parliament Agriculture and Environment Committee inquiry into the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill

Dear Chair and Committee Members, and my local MP.

I care strongly about Australian native wildlife who lose their habitat and their lives due to escalating land clearing and I care strongly about the preservation of the Great Barrier Reef. Therefore, I am writing in support of the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (VMROLA Bill) currently under consideration by the committee.

As you are undoubtedly aware, clearing of remnant bushland nearly doubled in the year after changes were made to the laws in 2013 by the previous government. This was totally irresponsible for long term management of our beautiful country.

Land clearing pollutes the Reef by disturbing soil, increasing runoff and erosion and the reef is something irreplaceable, unlike houses and subdivision and even money for the wealthy. Major threats to the Reef are real, as the recent mass coral bleaching crisis makes clear.


The VMROLA bill restores the 2006 ban on broad-scale clearing which condemns bushland which is habitat for threatened species. Effective laws need effective capacity to prosecute those that break them. This will mean land holders will have to consider waterways, regrowth and buffer zones.

The reinstatement of effective land clearing laws is also a promise by the Queensland Government to UNESCO, and a major reason why UNESCO didn't list the Great Barrier Reef as endangered last year. This Bill substantially delivers on that promise to the world to protect the Reef.

I support each of these particular changes proposed in this Bill. I support the Bill because I believe it will restore stronger controls over land clearing, and so prevent further harm to the Reef and to native wildlife.

Yours sincerely,

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