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Dear Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee

**Re: Reducing regulatory burdens for Queensland's agriculture and resource industries**

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on reducing regulatory burdens for Queensland's agriculture and resource industries. I've been a farmer for all my life and over the last several decades I have witnessed the continual erosion of freehold land rights and farmers' rights on leasehold land and the increase in red tape and administrative costs.

Rights have been eroded to the extent that farmers now have no real basis to negotiate with resource companies. The so called negotiations are really not this, as the mining companies hold all the power and they know that ultimately they don't need the landholders' agreement under the current legislation. This is no basis for a 'negotiation'. The situation needs to be changed so that farmers have the right to say no if they cannot secure what they believe to be adequate compensation. This would make the 'negotiations' more realistic and genuine.

Kind regards



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