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To: Rhia Campillo

Subject: Re: Call for submissions to EAREC's inquiry into the Strategic Cropping Land Bill 2011

Importance: Normal

thank for allowing me to comment on a very important piece of legislation
This will be enormous importance to our descendants as they will be the ones
to suffer if we get it wrong
However it seems to be very long on all the penalties and processes if one
transgresses but very short on how to identify SCL - the most important
reason for this legislation
The criteria suggested are a very basic selection of a enormous array of
criteria and past work and publications which should have done much of this
work for you
This suggests the technical people you have accessed have not known or put
forward much of the above
Thus this legislation is severely flawed before it starts and thus will be
sub-optimal and fail its supposed purpose
May I suggest its stakeholder consultation was poor
None of the peak committees which I am a member of were consulted
A historical cropping history is a poor criteria to chose SCL and would be
very restrictive and would thus fail to select potentially important SCL for
the future
The terminology of rigid/non-rigid soils is a strange one and meaningless
to all farmers
SCL is more than cropping or cultivation
How does this legislation conflict with the Vegetation Act which alienated
much potential SCL
There is a fair bit to read through but it does not fill me with confidence
that future generations are looked after
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-----Original Message-----

From: Rhia Campillo

Sent: Friday, October 28, 2011 5:24 PM Subject: Call for submissions to
EAREC's inquiry into the Strategic Cropping Land Bill 2011

RE: Call for submissions - Strategic Cropping Land Bill 2011

I write to inform you of an opportunity to participate in a review of the
Strategic Cropping Land Bill 2011 to be conducted by the Environment,
Agriculture, Resources and Energy Committee (EAREC) of the Queensland
Parliament.

The closing date for submissions is Friday 4 November 2011.

The committee must conclude its work and report back to the parliament by
Monday 21 November 2011.

The objectives of the Bill are to protect quality cropping land by:

- * managing development impacts, and
- * preserving the productive capacity of the land.

The Bill<<http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/Bills/53PDF/2011/StratCropLB11.pdf>> and explanatory notes<<http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/Bills/53PDF/2011/StratCropLB11Exp.pdf>> are available online

The Bill would establish a new Act to be cited as the Strategic Cropping Land Act 2011 and amend the Environmental Protection Act 1994<<http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/E/EnvProtA94.pdf>> and the Sustainable Planning Regulation 2009<<http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/S/SustPlanR09.pdf>> for particular purposes.

The committee will examine the policies to be enacted and the Bill's conformance with fundamental legislative principles as set out in s.4 of the Legislative Standards Act 1992<<http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/L/LegisStandA92.pdf>>.

The committee invites written submissions on the Bill. The closing date is Friday 4 November 2011. Guidelines on making a submission are available at: <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/committees/earec/2011/submissionguidelines.pdf>

Submissions should be sent to:

The Research Director
Environment, Agriculture, Environment, Resources and Energy Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Public hearing and departmental briefing on the Bill
A briefing by officers of the Department of Environment and Resource Management and public hearing on the Bill will be held in the Parliamentary Precinct in Brisbane on Thursday 10 November 2011. As soon as the times have been decided, a program will be available from this website. If you wish to attend please advise me by phone or email (my contact details are listed below).

Live webcast of the hearing and briefing
The hearing and briefing on 10 November will be broadcast live via the parliament's website at <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/broadcast>

About the committee
EAREC was appointed by the Legislative Assembly on 16 June 2011 as a portfolio committee with responsibility for food, agriculture, regional economies, mines, energy, water, natural resource management, environment and fisheries.

If you have any questions about the committee or its work, please contact the secretariat on 07 3406 7908 or 1800 504 022 for callers outside of Brisbane.

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Kind regards,

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