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Committee Secretary
Economics and Governance Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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By Post & By Email: egc@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Ms Struber

Re: Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

AgForce Queensland Farmers (AgForce) is the peak rural group representing beef, sheep & wool and grain producers in Queensland. The broadacre beef, sheep and grains industries in Queensland generated around \$7.2 billion in gross farm-gate value of production in 2016-17. AgForce exists to facilitate the long-term growth, viability, competitiveness and profitability of these industries. The producers who support AgForce provide high-quality food and fibre to Australian and overseas consumers, manage around 40% of the Queensland agricultural landscape and contribute significantly to the social fabric of rural and remote communities.

With the vast majority of Queensland managed by our membership, we have an enormous interest in ensuring a clear cultural heritage framework operates in Queensland. For this reason, we welcome the proposed amendments under the *Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018* to reinstate the 'last claim standing' provision as operated under the Cultural Heritage Acts. Further, AgForce supports the validation of procedures commenced prior to the commencement of these amendments given the work and progress that many parties have achieved already.

Given the issues that the *Nuga Nuga Aboriginal Corporation v Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships* [2017] QSC 321 created, AgForce supports the expedient drafting and passage of these amendments.

If you wish to discuss this submission, please contact Policy Specialist [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] or email: [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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