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I write in response to the legislation about to be introduced by the State Government which will be an unnecessary impost to people doing their best to make a living from the land.

In relation to natural runoff I make the following observation.

It can be observed that over thousands plus years almost every stream has changed its course before the introduction of livestock. This cannot happen without considerable natural sediment runoff.

I believe that the reef has depended on this natural runoff for its healthy survival forever.

There are many scientists who have studied the reef for many years who believe that it has always had its ups and downs and is as healthy as ever.

They don't seem to be listened to by the Greens & Government which suggests that this is a political ploy.

I have lived on our cattle property on the Burdekin River since we drew it almost sixty years ago.

The Burdekin dam has been built for thirty-two years which leads me to make another observation.

The dam has a massive catchment area, of mostly grazing country, from the Burdekin, Cape, Belkando & Sutter rivers.

If there is so much sediment run off that it damages the reef surely after thirty-two years the Burdekin dam should be silted right up but there is no evidence that this is the case.

We have always tried to run our property in a sustainable manner & over the recent years of drought have reduced numbers & employed controlled grazing measures.

We have a current B.M.P. and believe that the suggested legislative control is something that we can well do without & if the proposed fines were implemented some people would unfairly go to the wall.

Yours faithfully
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