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Dear Acting Secretary,

We have only just become aware of the proposed regulations with regard to grazing and grain production within the Reef Catchments.

What does the minimum Practice Standards entail? With no forewarning this has come as a great disappointment to many and certainly shows no common sense or consultation to the parties whom will be affected.

The Great Barrier Reef is a wonderland and to be preserved for future generations but the farmers are not the blame for every problem which arises. Any sediment runoff would not reach the reef in many situations as there are dams of all sizes acting as settling ponds. It is a known fact that wildlife scurrying down the banks of a creek or river in a rainforest cause much more erosion than a grassed bank in a paddock.

Obviously the fertilizer and chemical use in irrigated lawns and gardens in the towns and cities does not run off into the gutter and waterways, it just disappears. Naturally as there are less graziers, grain and food producers than city population we are an easy target or so it seems.

Is this purely for political satisfaction?

People on the land are trying so much to satisfy Government by self regulation, BMP etc or are the details of BMP participants going to become null and void? Red tape, regulations and legislations are turning the producers off their farms. Succession planning is becoming a non event as young farmers do not want to have to combat so much if this. Is it time to walk away from farm production and feeding the Nation? Doesn't this Govt. understand that without people on the land the country is done? No jobs, no security, no future, no positivity and Dole queues a mile long!

We are caretakers of our land not destroyers. It is our livelihood and there is nothing more satisfying than supplying food to the Nation, caring for our land and taking the children to see the reef and pristine beaches. There is just so much we can cop!

Yours sincerely

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