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The Great Barrier Reef is a vital part of our environment and economy.

I support the new laws the Queensland Government has recently proposed (Environmental Protection (Great Barrier Reef Protection Measures) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 to ensure that the quality of water reaching the Reef is improved. The voluntary programs that have been in place for decades have been ineffective in reducing runoff. The new rules aren't about punishing farmers, they are about ensuring farmers know how much fertiliser is optimal for their land and applying no more than is necessary. That is going to be good for the Reef and it's also likely to save a lot of money for sugar farmers.

Yours sincerely,

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