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Acting Committee Secretary
Innovation, Tourism Development and Environment Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Parliamentary Inquiry Environmental Protection
Great Barrier Reef Protection Measures and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019
(Reef Protection Bill)**

I wish to lodge a submission against the above proposed reef protection bill.

Firstly, I wish to point out the State Government's lack of consultation and complete disregard of farmers by which this proposed legislation will impact on. I was only made aware of these proposals by contact from Agforce of which I am a member.

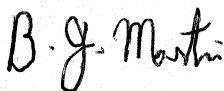
It seems the State Government is determined to heap more and more regulations on the shoulders of farmers. At a time when we are trying to deal with floods and drought, Governments should be helping us, not making it more difficult. We are spending more time doing paper work and less time managing our farms.

In recent years the Qld Government has been locking up large areas of farm land for national parks but the state of these national parks is appalling. I have a national park that borders my cattle property. Since it has been a national park it has become a cultivation of weeds and a breeding ground for feral pigs and dogs. The pigs bring weeds onto my property including rats tail grass and their diggings cause erosion.

If the Government is concerned about the reef, then maybe they should help farmers control feral animals and maintain the national parks. Currently, national parks are the biggest biosecurity risk to our farms. We are busy cleaning up the mess that national parks have created.

Give us a break Qld Government, clean up your own back yard!

Yours faithfully



Brian J Martin