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Innovation, Tourism Development and Environment
Parliament House Committee
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To Whom It May Concern,

This is my submission to the following:

The Environmental Protection (Great Barrier Reef Protection Measures) and Other Legislation
Amendment Bill 2019.

I was not aware that changes were being proposed for the Fitzroy Reef Catchment or that our area would be included. I had also not been aware that there were minimum practical standards involved and where to search for them.

I found the Amendment Bill eventually but it is truly way over my head to understand and likely is the same for most farmers. A plain speaking government summary of how it will effect landholders is very much needed. Being drought declared and very busy looking after our cattle and business, I was unaware of any legislation in the pipeline. This will add further red tape to our business.

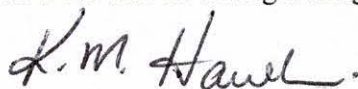
We are and will always remain good land managers. My husband's family has managed this land for approx 140 years. We are sustainable and conservative with stocking rates and careful of our land management. This is voluntary, because it is our best practice for our own business to be successful. Over regulation diminishes the desire for personal responsibility.

Any sediment run off from our property south west of Emerald, would never reach the reef. Our country creeks flow into the Ngoa river and then into the Fairbairn Dam. In saying this, we do not farm and do not use fertilizers. Droughts and floods are the only things that cause sediment runoff here. We can control neither but stock accordingly. Self regulation is necessary to a successful business.

We have done the Grazing BMP program and believe that it should remain in industry ownership. It has had excellent participation rates because it is voluntary and run by people who understand farmers and farming and their business needs.

Every Queenslanders believes the reef should be healthy and there for all into the future. Genuine farmers also believe this. That is why they use best practice management. Punishing the many with red tape and over regulation, to catch the few, is not fair on those who do the right thing.

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