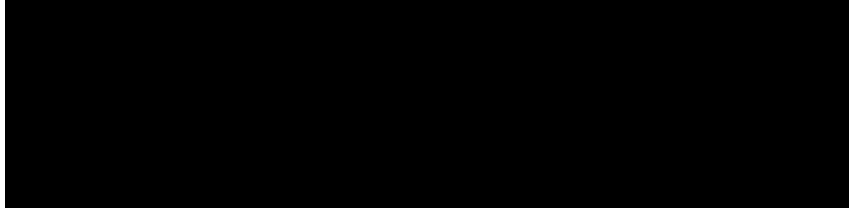


**SPRINGVALE GRAZING**  
**Springvale Station**



**SUBMISSION TO:**  
**Environmental Protection (Great Barrier Reef Protection Measures) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019**

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The Bill will achieve its objectives through a regulatory framework that ensures:

- The Reef water quality targets for nutrients and sediments are taken into account in regulatory decision-making.
- The broad application of minimum regulated standards to eliminate high risk practices that contribute to excess nutrient and sediment run-off.
- Producers move to standards that align with recognised benchmarks for agricultural industries, under the Paddock to Reef Water Quality Risk Framework, while maintaining productivity and profitability.
- New development can occur without compromising the water quality gains made to date, while also minimising the regulatory burden on existing activities.
- Good performers that utilise practices with low water quality risks are recognised and rewarded.
- Existing industry-led best management practice (BMP) programs or the development of new programs can provide participants with an alternative pathway for meeting regulatory requirements.

**The Bill will do nothing to improve water quality on the Reef.**

Most suspended settlement comes from gullies and it has been happening for centuries. How else have deltas like the Burdekin floodplain been formed?

It is vital that a meaningful resolution is led by people closest and most affected by the issues and concerns. Voluntary initiatives and innovation drive change rather than coercion and have the best chance of success.

As we stated in a Case Study carried out by DAFF, finishing in 2017, we have always been keen to gain knowledge and have attended many workshops covering an array of topics. We have also hosted three DAF delivered events at Springvale since 2013. Training and workshops attended by us include chemical accreditation, grader erosion control information day, Grazing BMP workshop, Breeding EDGE, Cash Cow information days, herd recording producer group activities, nutrition workshops. This shows our willingness to learn and implement ways of improving the land that we are custodians of.

The reality is most of us are undertaking projects every day that add to reef quality (like additional fencing & additional water points to spread grazing pressure, increasing % of our country spelled and spelling intervals, like planting improved perennials and legumes, like putting in whoa boys across roads to slow the water down. We have accessed knowledge of CHRRUP staff to assist in fencing to landtype and reduce grazing pressure on frontage country. All of our efforts over the time we have been managing this land have

been aimed at improving the land condition, grass cover and water quality. And all of this has been done at our own expense.

Meanwhile we join a National Park in which there has been no action to manage water run off, erosion.

Knowing how the VMA penalty instrument was abused, how can we have any confidence that there won't be a repeat?

Good management goes hand in hand with profitability

Yours faithfully

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