

# MJ&NA MELVILLE

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

Dear Madam/Sir

Re Reef Regulations Bill

I am writing to you with regard to the Proposed Reef Regulations Bill that was introduced to Parliament on 27 February, 2019.

I am deeply concerned about the ramifications of this Bill if passed in its current form as it is so complex and unfair.

Firstly I wish to point out that I was not made aware of such a Bill until Agforce alerted it's Members via an email. It seems the Government is trying to rush this Bill through with little to no consultation with the people it has the greatest impact on. I don't believe my farming land has any chance of impacting the reef even in the slightest form. It appears this action is solely for political reasons in seeking to gain political support. There is so much concern now about a worldwide food shortage yet the Australian Government is trying to keep the lid on any progress Agriculture is making in this country.

The exorbitant fines imposed for breaching this code of conduct under this Bill will soon put farmers out of business. I don't believe Australia is a free country anymore if we have to live under such unfair regulations imposed by our Government. Let's be realistic and sensible when rules and regulations are imposed. We have Best Management Practices that have been introduced and followed, yet this kind of reaction just shows that there is no faith that these are working.

Australian farmers are smart, responsible, hardworking families who are striving for a better country ! Let's not destroy their livelihoods by enforcing rash unreasonable practices.

Yours faithfully



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