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

Submission to Proposed Reef Protection Bill

Although we support protection of our Great Barrier Reef, we believe the proposals put forward, without adequate consultation with the industries which will be affected, are of a political nature rather than an effective environmental solution.

The excessive penalties to be imposed, the proposed licences for new development and fees for testing soil suitability etc. will all impose very heavy financial burdens on everyone – the ongoing drought in many areas, the devastating floods in the north are having extremely adverse impacts already, and if these new laws come into force, we believe it may send many of us to the wall, and not help our Reef survive any better.

The short timeframe for submissions and the lack of consultation with those who will be affected seems to point to it being a political issue rather than an environmental solution, why else would there be such a short window for submissions?

Our properties support three families, situated in the North Burnett, so it may be some time before we face the detrimental effects of the proposed legislation, but these effects apply across the board to everyone trying to survive on the land and supply food for our nation.

We wish to register our opposition to this proposed Bill.



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