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To Whom it May Concern,

Like a lot of primary producers, I only found out about this imminent implantation of the new Reef Legislation after the closing date. I have just found out that I can do a late submission, which is much appreciated. The 13 business days that were allowed was unreasonable, this shows a blatant disregard for Queensland Agriculture and poor communication from the government. I will definitely not be able to attend the hearing in Brisbane, since it is 1200 kilometres from me and even further for many other people that will be directly affected by this legislation.

My fears for this legislation is that nothing is black and white. That farmers and graziers can be fined and face a fail/"Poor" score without thought to historical landscapes or extreme weather conditions like we have seen in Queensland for the last 7+ years. Is the natural resource sector being targeted like this for their bad land management? Will they face the same stipulations and consequences for their run off and pollution? Will people in the town of Ayr have to keep records of their fertiliser and soil conditioner usage? What about their usage of pesticides and poisons? What's good for the goose, should be good for the gander.

In relation to the Minimum Practice and Farm Design Standards, I believe that this would be far better approached in conjunction with the landholders. There are already Quality Assurance programs functioning very well, that not only supports the growth of their land and business but also rewards for that extra effort. These educational, self reported, with random audits, programs seem like a much better alternative to the one proposed. How many people will be allocated to Farm Design? How long will it take to get that approval? What will farmers do in the meantime?

This legislation just seems to be costing the Queensland taxpayers \$330 million for the government to rule with an iron fist. This won't achieve the desired outcome. The recent vegetation management was supposed to protect the reef, now we are being given another hurdle to clear as well. This will just put another load on already time poor farmers and graziers.

Please reconsider your plan and work in conjunction with the agricultural groups that work on our behalf. These are the people with the skills and contacts to get something happening that will work for all parties. Most importantly, the environment and the reef.

Kind Regards,



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