

To whom it may concern

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I wish to submit a Submission for the Implementation of new Reef legislation through the Environmental Protection (Great Barrier Reef Protection Measures) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 introduced on 27 February 2019.

- Farmers and graziers had just 13 business days to lodge a submission.
- Public hearings were set down to take place this week yet now are not happening at this stage.
- The two hour public hearing will be in Brisbane on Monday – some 1,400+km from affected farmers and graziers in Reef catchments.
- Farmers and graziers in the six far reaching Reef catchments can be fined and face fail/a 'Poor' score in September each year if any historical or new erosion, weed infestations is present or ground cover is less than 70% - across entire land holdings.
- No allocation is made for natural weather events with the recent Fires and rain events erosion is a major concern. No amount of controls can prepare for this, as shown in the latest bush fires and floods in the last 6months. Unless a whole approach is undertaken by the government, farming (Including hobby Farmers and suburban house blocks) and councils.
- There is no incentive for good land management. The big stick approach will not work. The money would be better spent for education and improving the existing volunteer programs to involve and educate more land owners to identify problems with their properties no matter how small the land owned is.
- Legislation poses no limit on fertiliser and pesticide use in our towns and cities - Qld agriculture is being made a scapegoat for all water quality issues in respect of the Reef.
- Legislation directly conflicts with 2018 changes to vegetation management legislation that locked up and took management away from 1,700,000 hectares, including 405,000 hectares specifically along stream banks in the Reef catchments.
- This legislation is costing Queensland tax payers \$330 million and won't achieve the desired outcomes.

- The science is still in its infancy with the way nutrients and the soil biology work together within the soil. The biomechanics workings of the soil, with a variety of organic and bio-logical fertilizers / soil conditioners making their way onto the market it would be advantageous for the government to implement these measures with out a study being done first and letting these outcomes be known first. This allows the change over from using less to no chemical fertilizers to a more natural nutrient program. The benefits of this will allow better soil coverage and better erosion control

I hope this will not fall on deaf ears

Yours sincerely

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