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Submission to the Inquiry  
Environmental Protection (Great Barrier Reef Protection Measures)  
And Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Dear Parliamentary Committee members and Secretariat,

- Please accept my apologies for being late with this submission. I am disappointed that this Government pushed this through with **little time** for us to prepare submissions. Most of Queensland's Farmers and graziers are either under **flood** or in **drought** and as such do not have a great deal of time to put into submissions.
- We have been graziers for 47 years and have 4 girls with their families running properties. My husband's background is from 3 generations of grazing. We are **good custodians** of the land as we expect our children and grandchildren to be able to carry on with these properties and earn a successful living. We hope our grandchildren will be able to continue in this industry but are fearful that they may not have the opportunity with the continued red tape and blame that is being imposed on the people in this industry.
- It seems unfair that there is **no** allocation of blame or legislation to **control** the runoff and **pollution** from the numerous households and development in **towns and cities** along the coast.

- I thought this government was to be seen as being involved in support of rural communities. This legislation will **cause** a further **decline in rural and remote towns**.
- I am disappointed that the **scientific views are not** being taken into consideration when trying to protect the reef. **Emotive responses** and media hype seem to be the basis for any legislation concerning the agricultural industry. Evidence of this was the **live export debacle**. It is happening again with the reef issue.
- We are to be excused from thinking that we are being **targeted** as environmental scapegoats when the **Vegetation Management Laws** were imposed in the same manner- **lack of true consultation and limited time frame**. I hope that the Government will not continue with this legislation which will not produce the results that it is hoping to achieve, but will have devastating and far reaching impacts on agriculture and associated industries as did the Live Export Debacle and as yet to be seen the Vegetation Management Laws.
- Rather than doing everything you can to destroy, shut down and disrupt Queensland Agricultural Industries, please help us to continue in our endeavours to produce the cleanest, greenest, freshest, best quality produce in the world.

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