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To Whom It May Concern:

Here we go again! As if the Veg Management Act hasn't done enough damage! I strongly oppose the Reef Protection Bill 2019.

Due to lack of communication from the Palaszczuk Government I was unaware of the measures about to be introduced to safeguard the Great Barrier Reef for future generations and as such there is not sufficient time to compile a detailed account for a submission against this Bill.

I am extremely concerned there is not enough science backing this Bill and believe what has been proposed is based not on scientific fact, but rather the proposed legislation and regulations are a political solution and far from practical. It certainly has not been discussed with Queensland farmers! Because of this, the desired outcomes, other than to yet again vilify Queensland farmers and graziers, will fail to be reached.

I understand no allocation will be made for natural weather events or good land management. How? Why would the Government deem this acceptable when farmers are the natural custodians of the land – it is where we live and work. It is in our favour to protect, nurture and cherish our valuable natural resources. Why does the proposed legislation pose no limit on fertiliser and pesticide use in our towns and cities? Qld agriculture is being victimised for all water quality issues in respect of the Reef.

If the Palaszczuk Government continues on this path it will permanently cripple the Qld Agricultural sector. Many Qld farmers are already on their knees struggling with devastating drought and floods. Rather than pulling in opposite directions against the agricultural industry Government needs to work with all Qld farmers and implement a long-term consultation process in order to produce food for the future in an environmentally sustainable way.

Yours faithfully



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