

Acting Committee Secretary

Innovation, Tourism Development and Environment Committee

Parliament House, George Street, Brisbane QLD 4000

Dear Committee,

I was not aware of these new proposed regulations which are trying to be enforced on the grazier and grain growers. It is poor communication on the government part. If these regulations were also implemented on our urban counter parts you would surely let them know way beforehand.

I have not seen any of the proposed minimum practises standards that you are requiring. Why aren't the people that guard the land informed of changes and included in the decision making as we are meant to be a democratic society. A penalty of 217000 would break any small business and you will have no one in the primary industry sector to try and feed our country and nation.

The Lantana and rats' tail grass is a noxious weed which has to be prayed on many of the properties is the Fitzroy basin catchment. If these weeds are not controlled then they will take over viable agricultural land. A lot of the properties are up stream of Rockhampton which has a population of 80665 people. The people in Rockhampton use chemicals and fertilizers on their gardens each day. Are you going to try and regulate their usage as their contamination would effect the Great Barrier Reef first as the amount of chemical that they put on each garden per square metre would be substantial and also needs to be monitored?

I am not opposed to looking after the Great Barrier Reef but our urban counterparts also have to have a lot of stipulations place on them as well. In Hawaii and Palau they are banning sunscreen as they have found that this has effected their coral reefs in a major way. I think it is important to look at the larger population first before just settle on one industry and saying that they have to where the blame for the majority.

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