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RE: Inquiry into the future and continued relevance of Government land tenure across Queensland

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Parliamentary Inquiry into 'the Future and Continued Relevance of Government Land Tenure across Queensland.'

As a primary producer, my future business is predicated on secure tenure and regulation.

Below, I have detailed my concerns and issues associated with my tenure and attempted to provide some suggested methods through which these could be addressed.

My Enterprise

- · I hold the following tenure type/s
 - Pastoral Holding/Term Lease
 - · Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease
 - Permit to Occupy
 - Freeholding Lease
- · My primary production includes
 - Cattle

My Tenure Issues

· I believe that the following conditions or actions by Government have affected my ability to

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manage this land effectively

- · Duration of lease term
- High leasehold rents are rendering my business unprofitable
- · This issue/s have affected my enterprise because:

I sugest that all Pastoral Holdings & term leases be made Perpetual, because without guarantee of lease renewal, landholders are reluctant to put in infustructure improvements of a permanent nature.

- · My suggested solutions to rectify this issue/s are: Leasehold rents should be tied to profitability, not land values (land values can increase because of lack of availability and other reasons)
- · Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on this significant inquiry.

Best regards,

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