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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

· My primary production includes

- Cattle

My Tenure Issues

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

- Duration of lease term

· **This issue/s have affected my enterprise because:**

The land is highly arable with significant and reliable rainfall, and varied soil types lending itself to a variety of improved pastures and crops.

The term lease tenure of 30 years ,of which 23 remains,provides inadequate security (limited tenure and compensation at termination) to justify the expenditure of infrastructure required to develop the property to its full potential.

To date as lessees we have contributed substantial resources to Land Management since acquiring the lease in 2007.

1. Improving and constructing 30 km of fences creating a laneway system to central yards;improving yards and homestead infrastructure.
2. Clearing regrowth on all "white" areas and planting of improved pastures.
3. Co-operating in a joint programme with D.P.I. on lantana management.
4. Co-operation with Ms Doris Fred and the Warrungu People in Native Title Claim QC 04/8.
5. Fencing off Herbert River frontages conserving sensitive land and water areas.

· **My suggested solutions to rectify this issue/s are:**

As the occupier we need sufficient security of tenure to justify the expenditure commitment necessary to provide the landcare improvements and infrastructure necessary to facilitate intensive grazing on improved and irrigated pastures which we believe would multiply production threefold.

We suggest a perpetual lease subject to development conditions accompanied by a comprehensive Land Management Agreement would be a solution that allows us to develop the necessary infrastructure to markedly improve production.

- Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on this significant inquiry.

Best regards,

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