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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**

- Forestry Lease/Permit

· **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:**

We don't have a problem with the lease arrangement as it stands at present, as we are able to manage the lease area as part of the freehold property. If there were additional restrictions placed on it or grazing rights were removed as has been suggested at times then we would not be able to provide the protection against fires and weed infestations that we currently do. The Forestry leases in this area contain significant stands of rosewood which is harvested by licenced timber cutters for fence posts, wild fires destroy rosewood and other tree species.

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

Allow Graziers to continue managing these leases as they have done without too many onerous restrictions, this will help preserve them for the future at no cost to the Government and ensure that this valuable resource is maintained.

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

Best regards,

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