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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Support for Review of Government Land Tenure in Queensland**

I would like to express my support of the recent announcement to review Government Land Tenure in Queensland.

My family currently holds two Stock Grazing Permits (No. WBB/2006/06 & WBB/2006/07 in the name of R & R Wason) for 6397 hectares of land being part of the Marodian Forest Reserve. This permit is due to cease in 2020 and under current legislation will not be renewed. If this current legislation is not changed or updated our business will also cease to be viable in 2020.

It is my belief that this land would be better cared for if used as part of a sustainable and profitable farming enterprise. Currently this land is of no cost to the Queensland tax payer. My family pay the rates, maintain roads and waterholes, control feral animals and weeds and perform fire hazard reduction burns every year as part of our management plan.

If in fact, this section of land is claimed as National Park in 2020, I would like to know, who will be responsible for all of the above management tasks and at what cost this would be to our tax payers' pockets?

My family has a long history as cattle producers in the area and are looking to improve our business by developing succession and management plans within our business. We would like to make capital improvements to this Stock Grazing Permitted area but feel that our investments may not be secure, as even though we have held this land for a considerable amount of years (50+) our future is not guaranteed.

It seems like common sense to me, to let our farmers look after and use these area's to support and benefit their businesses and in turn agriculture in Queensland. Weather this is done by freeholding Government Land or changes to the current legislation enabling future long term use of Government Land.

In my opinion conservation and a profitable farming enterprise are the same thing.

Kind Regards

Teresa Day