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From: don williams Sent: Thursday, 30 August 2012 9:07 PM To: Kathy Munro Subject: comment regarding leasehold land

DK Willliams

30/08/12

Dear Kathy,

I attended the enquiry in Rockhampton on Wed 29/08/12 and wanted to make a submission regarding leasehold land. I came from Western Queensland in 1987 and purchased a 2500acre fattening block at Baralaba. I then purchased in 1990 a 15,000 acre lease block to use as a breeder block. It used to have a 20 year lease and now it has been reduced to 10 years. It is very difficult to plan with the uncertainty of the leases being either cancelled or not renewed. I have improved this block by building 2 sets of cattle yards- mustering hut - 7 dams - fenced 4 large paddocks- 2 holding paddocks and maintained the 3000acres of cleared country. I have also managed the erosion, roads and firebreaks.

I have recently purchased another 15,000acre lease block to also use for breeding and growing my heifers out. This property has had 2 owners in its lifetime and only went for sale as the result of a death. It has been very well established. There is a 3 bedroom home-machinery, workshop and hay sheds, workers quarters, 3 sets of cattle yards, bore, 9 dams and 2 creeks. Fenced into 4 large paddocks and 6 holding paddocks.

I would like to have a longer lease or perpetual lease or freehold some or all of the land as this would enable better planning for my future breeding operation. Without these leases my property at Baralaba would not be a viable operation as the lease are light carrying country.

I thankyou for your time and look forward to the result of the enquiry Yours sincerely Don Williams

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