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**RE: Submission on the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Galilee Basin State Development Area**

We have been directly affected by the SDA and both ourselves and neighbours have serious concerns about the impacts of the proposed Galilee Basin State Development Area (SDA).

The associated rail lines will negatively impact landholders in the region by bisecting properties, interrupting cattle movements, changing surface water flow, affecting flood plains, degrading the natural value of the land and reducing our food production as a whole.

I am concerned that these impacts, and the threat of compulsory acquisition for all landholders within the SDA will surely decrease the value of our property, will vastly affect the viability of our business and impact the lifestyle we value so much.

We are going to very adversely affected moving cattle across this area on a regular basis, having stud cattle makes our paddock operations more intense and specific and we are very concerned with the safety issue with our family and staff having to negotiate this line and SDA on a regular basis.

We feel strongly that an alternative route that avoids the floodplains of the Belyando and Suttor river systems should be investigated further.

Due to the fact that there is still uncertainty about whether the rail lines will go ahead, we feel: **A sunset clause should be introduced to ensure that if the projects do not proceed within a set timeframe the SDA is revoked.**

A state Development Area is meant to be declared in the public interest, and yet the costs of the rail projects to existing, profitable industries in the region has not been assessed. A full cost benefit analysis that examines the long term impacts on the agricultural industry is needed.

If the impacts of the SDA and the rail lines on landholders are going to be minimised we need a better dialogue with the government and the companies who are building the rail lines. If public hearings associated with this inquiry are going to be held, at least one of them should be held in a location where landholders can attend, e.g. Clermont.

Sincerely,

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