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**I, as a Queensland primary producer,** strongly support the changes you have proposed with this Bill.  
support the changes you have proposed, however, have suggested some further recommendations with the Bill.

**My production type is** Sheep/Cattle

**The land tenure on my property is** Freehold

**I have Remnant Vegetation found on my property** Yes

**I have High Value Regrowth Vegetation found on my property** No

**My main issue/s with the current vegetation management framework is:** Overly complex process to obtain a development application/permit for vegetation management  
The length of time taken to obtain a development approval/permit for vegetation management  
The length of time to utilise a permit/development approval is too short (currently 5 years) and doesn't allow for long-term property planning  
Over-administration or administration of vegetation management by inexperienced departmental staff

**If this Bill is passed it will mean the following for my property in terms of improved productive, environmental and/or social aspects:** Self assessable codes are a great step forward, however, the new codes must be realistic and workable.  
For example,when trying to deal with encroachment, mature trees have to be removed, or the encroachment must continue over time, because mature trees seed and cause the encroachment in the first place.

Vegetation management is a vastly expensive operation, and legislation must allow a return from managing vegetation.

**If I could propose further changes to the legislation these changes would include:** There has been a massive invasion of native timber onto productive grassland in areas of western Queensland.

Queensland should adopt a version of the concept of "invasive native scrub", as used in NSW.

Under this concept invasive native scrub should be able to be dealt with in the most cost effective manner. The landscape may change with treatment, but it will have already changed due to the native scrub invasion.

Vegetation management should be a landscape concept, not a tree by tree concept as was in the 1999 Veg Mgt Act.

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