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I, as a Queensland primary producer, strongly support the changes you have proposed with this Bill.

My production type is Beef

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 Yes

My main issue/s with the current vegetation management framework is: Overly complex process to obtain a development application/permit for vegetation management
Incorrect mapping
Overregulation of activities that are routine and essential to the management of my property (for example clearing for fence lines, firebreaks, roads, or infrastructure)
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:
We have areas on our property that are Category X and we have rehabilitated and restricted stock access to in order to preserve creek frontage and provide a wildlife corridor - under the existing restrictive legislation there is no way that we would get this formally recognised (VCA or remap to remnant/regrowth) but under more equitable legislation we may consider that a possibility, and be recognised for our environmental efforts.
We also run a small farmstay business. With more equitable legislation, we could utilise small pockets of land to develop eco-tourism, thus contributing to a diversity of our income as well as contributing to tourism in the bigger picture.
Areas currently mapped as "regrowth" can be utilised. Some "regrowth" mapping are only a small number of trees in an otherwise open paddock. We have no intention of removing these trees but the incorrect mapping in an impost and concern.
Part of our past management was to allow "long term resting" (over a year) of paddocks or parts of paddocks to improved organic matter and soil fertility (though build up of legumes). Under current legislation we dare not do that in fear that the area be deemed as regrowth (even though it is Cat X). Better balanced legislation would allow us to use this method of paddock restoration again.

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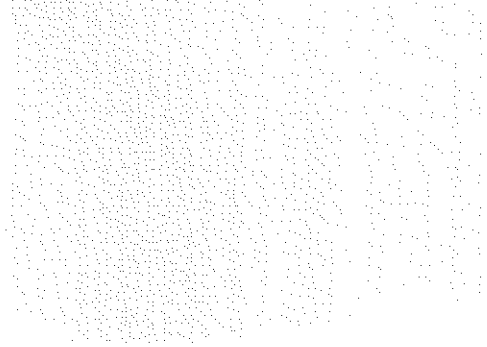
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