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

My production type is cattle grazing

The land tenure on my property is leasehold

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
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
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
Overly complex guidelines for the thinning of broadacre areas which are currently being taken over by trees and undergrowth

If this Bill is passed it will mean the following for my property in terms of improved productive, environmental and/or social aspects: A far greater ability to manage problem areas which currently impede management, create safety issues and cause areas of degradation where timber has overtaken pasture causing runoff and erosion.

If I could propose further changes to the legislation these changes would include:
-A more realistic and cost effective approach to thinning whereby either 2 tractors and a chain could be used or aerial grasslanding could be applied. The latter is an extremely cost effective way of revitalising pasture without disturbing the topsoil which sometimes causes erosion. The use of one tractor and the requirement that NO mature trees be disturbed is prohibitively expensive and unrealistic over broad areas.
- small areas of virgin brigalow located on leasehold land be allowed to be cleared in order to restore grasscover and revitalise soil health. Our land has a variety of soil types and vegetation and although we have tried to fence to landtype there remain small patches of very degraded brigalow areas as it is impossible to keep the stock from flogging these areas. Under these trees, in a light year such as this year there is very little grasscover to protect from runoff and erosion. This would be overcome if the areas could be cleared.

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