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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 Production

The land tenure on my property is 91,000ha

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: 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: It will mean more efficient vegetation management. It will reduce the impracticalities imposed by inexperienced departmental officers making incorrect assumptions. In many cases legislation in the past has not been environmentally sound and has been unsuccessful in its attempt to conserve vegetation.

If I could propose further changes to the legislation these changes would include: There needs to be a clear distinction between vegetation control and vegetation eradication. For example, controlling regrowth by pulling every few years does not destroy the long term ecosystem whereas applying other methods such as ploughing and poisoning, is a more permanent destruction of vegetation. Previously, farmers have been incorrectly perceived as environmental vandals but realistically they are often more environmentally aware than many of the legislators. There needs to be a more practical approach to vegetation management to maximise production whilst being environmentally responsible.

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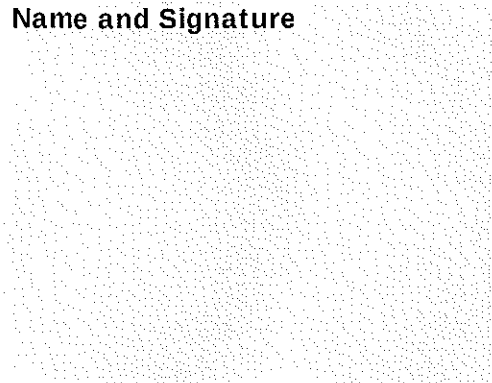
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