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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

cattle grazing

The land tenure on my property

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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 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: Being able to thin the unnaturally thickened trees over approx a third of the place will give much better environmental outcomes. More habitat for the Plain Turkeys (Bustards), emus etc. We have noticed that they move into the cleared and thinned areas very quickly. There are too many pests of prey in the thick timbered areas i.e. dingoes, feral pigs, foxes, feral cats.

Thinned trees also means more grass and herbage and more soil carbon.

If I could propose further changes to the legislation these changes would include:

To be able to thin unnaturally "thickened" trees on an ongoing timeframe. Once an area has been recognized as thickened, thinning should be allowed on an ongoing timeframe because it varies over time when the thickening re-occurs (a few years after a La Nina wet). It is also often very difficult to get a whole area done in a restricted time frame because of the scattered areas where this may occur, and having to work in with the other work on

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