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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**

Freehold + permit to occupy

**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  
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  
Inflexibility of treatments for vegetation management eg fire is not allowed for invasive native species

**If this Bill is passed it will mean the following for my property in terms of improved productive, environmental and/or social aspects:**

- 1)Above all the proposed changes should restore some dignity to landholders who have been severely marginalised by the excessive punitive and restrictive nature of the Veg Act 1999 and subsequent increasingly restrictive regulations which have made landholders appear as pariahs in the wider community.
- 2)Environment/Business. The changes should enable in part long term planning for management of regrowth to restore tree grass balance rather than having to meet some arbitrary time frame.
- 3)Environment/Business The proposed 'lock'in of Category X will take away the everpresent threat that regrowth will go through a miracle rebirth and through legislation be given a high value tag or become remnant and therefore untreatable when it is a threat to the health of the environment in itself because of its invasive nature.
- 4)Production - By introducing self assessable codes (proposed no detail yet) for routine activities involving vegetation management this separates routine activities from genuine development projects and should allow for practical solutions (hopefully).
- 5)By supporting Area Management Plans the option for regional solutions exists and this provides some flexibility in approach which has not existed before but was part of the original concept.

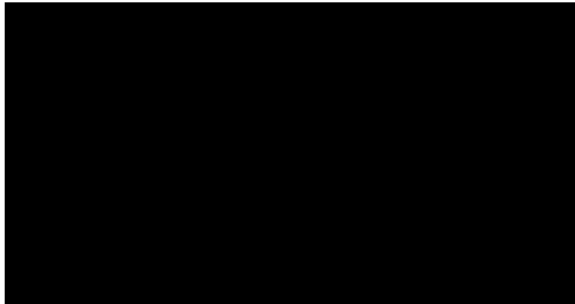
**If I could propose further changes to the legislation these changes would include:**

- 1) Include grazing as a new relevant purpose. The exclusion of clearing for grazing undermines the proposed new purpose which 'allows for sustainable land use'. This is also highly inequitable and discriminatory against those whose land types restrict them to grazing.
- 2) Mapping Include a public process that allows landholders to be notified, enabled to review, discuss and appeal mapping prior to changes and/or certification. Even though the minister can certify rather than needing a regulation the process must be public interactive and transparent.
- 3) Self assessable codes As no detail is available it will be critical that a variety of management solutions be considered under these codes to enable them to be aligned to a particular ecosystem type and landscape use.
- 4) Completely remove the concept of high value regrowth. Regrowth should never be recategorised on any tenure.
- 5) Clarify the wording of Section 113 so that landholders' PMAVs (hard fought for in Cooper Creek Wild River area) are not affected. (or sack the drafter).

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