



State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

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Re: Vegetation Management Framework Amendment Bill 2013

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Queensland Parliament State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee's public consultation into the *Vegetation Management Framework Amendment Bill 2013* (hereafter "the Bill").

As a primary producer the ability to manage vegetation on my property, without the burden of unnecessary red-tape, is vital to my future productivity and sustainability.

Working within the complex regulatory and administrative limitations of the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* for the last decade has limited development on my property, been time consuming and resource intensive, and has had unintended, negative environmental and social impacts.

The proposed changes in the Bill present a positive step forward for long-term sustainable land management that will enable our agricultural industry to prosper and to contribute to our economy.

This is about land management and my ability to produce food in a sustainable way without being hindered by red tape.

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.

I have detailed a number recommendations below and how they will reduce red-tape and regulatory burden, assist in the Queensland Government's vision to support agriculture as one of the four pillars of the economy and allow the maintenance and sustainable management of our native vegetation resources across the State.

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Following is information about my enterprise which further supports my submission for changes to the vegetation management legislative framework in Queensland.

My production type is **WOOL/BEEF**

The land tenure on my property is **GH/L + FREEHOLD**

I have Remnant Vegetation found on my property **Yes**

I have High Value Regrowth Vegetation found on my property

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
- Other

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

<http://formform.co/form/308006317548529620>

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

Contact Details

Full Name

Phone Number

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I thank you for
my feedback

Should you

E-mail

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Kind Regards,

Name and
Signature

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