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Committee Secretary
State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Committee Secretary

Vegetation Management (Clearing for Relevant Purposes) Amendment Bill 2018

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the *Vegetation Management (Clearing for Relevant Purposes) Amendment Bill 2018*.

Local governments in Queensland play an important role in providing a range of essential services to communities relating to vegetation management. Several Queensland councils have raised significant concerns about the potential impacts on their local economies as a result of recent changes to the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*. Queensland councils require stable, evidence-based legislation that assesses all triple bottom-line outcomes and provides landholders, the community and councils the confidence to manage appropriate development, agriculture and conservation of native vegetation.

The Bill (clause 3) creates an obligation on the chief executive to issue an information notice where an application for clearing, as assessed under section 22A of the Act, has been rejected. The inclusion of this clause provides greater accountability and transparency around decision-making for landholders and councils. The LGAQ therefore supports *Vegetation Management (Clearing for Relevant Purposes) Amendment Bill 2018*.

For further information, please don't hesitate to contact Ms Kristy Gooding, Lead – Natural Assets and Natural Resource Management via email: or phone:

Yours sincerely

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