

SUBMISSION

In providing this submission I refer directly to the key provisions of the legislation which may be amended.

<div>1. Removing High Value Agriculture and Irrigated High Value Agriculture from the Vegetation Management Framework</div> <div>This would jeopardise parts of the state from being able to take advantage of obvious global demand for agricultural production from the areas which are potentially be the most efficient to deliver it.</div>
<div>2. Retaining Self-Assessable Codes</div> <div>The people whose livelihoods depend on their land are the best to make decisions about it. They are the ones that know where the water flows, long term needs of the flora and forna, and where the most sustainably efficient areas are. This would put this knowledge at risk of being utilized.</div>
<div>3. Including High Value Regrowth as an additional layer of regulation under the Vegetation Management Framework on leasehold, freehold and indigenous land</div> <div>This should be a lesson to govt not to sign treaties such as the Paris Protocol without due knowledge or consultation. Including this layer of regulation will decrease the value of QLD to all Queenslanders.</div>
<div>4. Increasing Category R regrowth watercourse vegetation to include additional catchments in the Burnett Mary, Eastern Cape York and Fitzroy Great Barrier Reef Catchments.</div> <div>This will jeopardise the livelihood of people especially in the north of the state and reduce the ability for them to maintain viability, due in part to extra red tape.</div>
<div>5. That no compensation will be payable to landholders subject to added layers of regulation – high value regrowth, regrowth watercourses and essential habitat during transitional arrangements.</div> <div>How can you justify telling someone who paid for their land to operate it in a way that might make it unviable and not think they're entitled to be compensated?</div>
<div>6. Increasing compliance measures and penalties under vegetation management laws.</div> <div>This could have the unintended consequence of breaking someone financially or worse, that made a genuine mistake.</div>

7. Other matters relevant to the Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 that the review committee should consider appropriate and worth some consideration.

- Farmers/producers will develop sustainably if given the appropriate frameworks.
- We need legislation not to change every 5 seconds otherwise we cannot plan for the future,
- We cannot get investment from banks or private investments due to constant change when governments change
- We want the opportunity to drought proof our business for a sustainable future
- Self-Assessable Codes have been very useful and more cost effective than lodging applications

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