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Committee Secretary
State Development , Natural Resources
and Agricultural Industry Development Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Emailed to: sdnraidc@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam,

SUBJECT: VEGETATION MANAGEMENT AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Please accept this letter as our written submission relevant to aforementioned subject matter.

The current legislation as is current runs in line with how we manage our pastures and vegetation on "Somerby", we believe our management decisions regarding pasture as a whole are sound and for:-

- o the betterment of the environment,
- o grazing best management practices, and
- o WHS compliances, providing safe access for employees, family and visitors.

Changes to the legislation as mentioned in the amendment bill 2018 would seriously compromise how we go about our daily management operations on the farm, particularly mustering cattle in paddocks that are a physical challenge even at the best of times.

Sustainability is an issue we take very seriously and is a huge factor in our decision making when it comes to vegetation/pasture management, so that is in BETTER shape than times past. These strategic decisions are made even harder when we are restricted by legislation that is not economic, practicable or as productive, and limits scope for improvement and expansion.

Feral animal control is another management issue we are forced to maintain, changes to legislation will make the logistics of this more dangerous for staff and contractors and in some areas, almost impossible to access.

In the event of an accidental and/or out of control fire, our first priority is safety to livestock and getting the fire out. We should not have to be concerned with filling out forms and waiting to government approval while we're filling up the mop-up units.

We hope you give this submission your utmost consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Jones' in a cursive script.

David & Ruth Jones

Partners

SOMERBY PASTORAL CO