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To the Committee,

I am taking the time to write to you regarding the proposed changes to the vegetation management laws. I am not a farmer but I live in the bush and feel that I'm in tune with this issue.

The proposed changes are unnecessarily harsh, they place farmers under great strain, emotional and financial. In times of drought, and we are still experiencing our 6th year of severe drought despite some regions recently receiving good rain, farmers need to push mulga to feed starving stock. Also woody weeds and trees invade what was previously grassland, reducing the amount of land available for grazing, these woody weeds need to be controlled.

Under the proposed changes farmers would be unable to effectively manage their properties without breaking the law and facing significant fines. It seems to be quite ok for developers and mining companies to destroy areas of forest and natural habitat, some of them documented as being the very last place where certain animals or birds live, so why this attack on farmers?

Farmers look after their land, it makes sense for them to do so as it is less productive if they don't. They are not environmental vandals. Some of them even fence off special areas as nature reserves on their property.

I like eating food that's produced in Queensland and I want to keep doing so for the rest of my life. Under these harsh new changes to the law farmers will struggle to manage their properties efficiently and may even leave the industry altogether.

Is that really what you want for our great state? Eating imported food from God knows where, grown or made in unregulated countries? I certainly don't want that.

Please consider what you are doing, it's very serious. Please don't cave in to minority pressure groups who've never left the city and wouldn't have a clue of what really goes on in the farming industry.

Thank you for reading my submission.

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