

SUBMISSION

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

1. Removing High Value Agriculture and Irrigated High Value Agriculture from the Vegetation Management Framework

AS LAND values go up and we can only buy less acres. Farming will become more intense in order to maintain production and this will no longer be viable with these regulations.

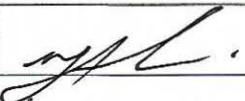
2. Retaining Self-Assessable Codes

I have used the self assessable codes and in doing so have created a sustainable ecosystem and increased production. Removal of these codes would mean decisions were being made by city people with no concept of ~~the~~ effective land management. The farmer knows best.

3. Including High Value Regrowth as an additional layer of regulation under the Vegetation Management Framework on leasehold, freehold and indigenous land

~~We paid~~
After buying our 1st property, we stretched our selves financially to freehold our land to help manage high value regrowth.
if the government takes back this laws we will require compensation!

<p>4. Increasing Category R regrowth watercourse vegetation to include additional catchments in the Burnett Mary, Eastern Cape York and Fitzroy Great Barrier Reef Catchments.</p>
<p>Red tape restricts farmers + prevents effective management.</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>If veg management laws are changed compensation should be calculated on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - loss of production - Decreased land values - interest on monies borrowed to freehold land - the cost of freeholding. <p>This is significant!!</p>
<p>6. Increasing compliance measures and penalties under vegetation management laws.</p>
<p>We attempted to have someone assess our proposed clearing and were denied 3 times due to staffing and time constraints. .</p> <p>Fines + penalties don't need to be increased, but education + assistance should be provided when requested to give the farmer the best chance at compliance.</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>As A young person starting out, with enthusiasm for the land. This will significantly decrease our ability to grow and expand our business into a viable agricultural enterprise. it's hard enough being a farmer without further restrictions.</p>

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