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Dear Committee,
Submission to Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill
2018 ('VMOLA Bill') inquiry

I believe I am well qualified to make a submission. I am almost 73 years and have lived most of my life in central western Qld. In partnership with my husband, I have owned 3 cattle breeding properties. Cudmore, north of alpha is now a National Park, Glen Innes also north of Alpha is now Bimble Box nature refuge and Richmond Hills, BARCALDINE where we are now semi-retired.

At Richmond Hills, we obtained a permit to clear in the ballot and selectively cleared about 2000 ha. Due to drought we have not burnt the patches and it has become overgrown and grass is now sparse due to thickened mostly silver leaf ironbark regrowth. It is our intention to "chain over the regrowth" whilst retaining the numerous clumps left originally, as well as the ghost gums & gum topped bloodwoods, vinetrees, and grevillas.

We believe that grass grows better under the trees, where it is cooler & has extra nutrient brought up from deeper in the soil. In the recent heatwave stock are almost always found camped under trees during the middle of the day.

I believe that any producer who has no cleared country should be allowed to selectively clear up to 30% of their land, those who have cleared between 30% & 50% of their land should be allowed to retain same but those who have cleared in excess of 50% should replant trees to attain the 50% timbered.

1. No clearing should take place along rivers & creeks apart from what is necessary for creating tracks for roads & driving livestock along.
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I believe area management plans are a useful tool which should be retained.

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