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March 19, 2018

Hon Dr Anthony Lynham
Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy
1 William Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Hon Dr Anthony Lynham:

This submission is in regards to the ***Proposed New Vegetation Management Laws***.

My husband and I are third generational farmers on our land with the fourth following closely in the ranks. Ours is a shared 2300 ha mixed farm of commercial beef cattle and grain cropping for cereal or feed with my in-laws. My husband and I both come from farming backgrounds in our district. We have available to us a wealth of knowledge on how to manage the land entrusted to us and are familiar with the extremes in weather patterns and the importance the production of food is to feed our great nation.

We in turn also understand the benefit of managing the land responsibly to keep the country side clean of pests to ensure maximum benefit to the natural environment and productivity for the present time and into the future. We engage in measures adopted by Biosecurity Qld DAF and that of which supports Biodiversity conservation.

Clearing of vegetation is engaged from time to time for the purpose of clearing fence lines and creating firebreaks. It also used to manage the encroachment of vegetation onto existing cultivated country. Vegetation thinning is also adopted for the purpose of managing regrowth in areas where native grasses may be threatened and land may become useless for the purpose of grazing for food production.

May I stress that any further restraints to the farmer may result in a threat to the biosecurity of our food where land is not adequately managed and rather than promoting the growth of valuable vegetation, noxious weeds and undesirable vegetation may advance.

The red tape and confusion surrounding the proposed law may leave farmers disillusioned about the future of agriculture in our nation.

In our situation changes to the law and the Proposed New Vegetation Categories C and R are not reflective of what is completely true and accurate as it does not necessarily take into consideration the lay of the land and its current use as is representative in changes to Category R. Recent measures for submitting changes to property maps are sufficient. Please restore the laws as they stood prior to March 8 2018 and reverse any changes that have been made since the 7th March 2018.

Can the government of the day restore to the landholders and co- managers of the land their integrity as responsible land and watercourse managers? Can the government of the day help secure our nation as leaders in the production of food and support rather than hinder the advancement of the agriculture industry. The farmer of the 21st Century is informed and educated. Please don't take away our integrity and negatively impact our productions.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

Land owner & Manager

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