

Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

Submission from

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I submit the following comments for consideration on the above titled Legislation currently being reviewed.

It is heartening to know that legislation is being reintroduced to manage Queensland's vitally important vegetation resources and the other natural resources damaged by indiscriminate clearing of vegetation.

Over many years I have observed the long term destructive consequences of poor land management. Poorly conceived vegetation clearing results include loss of soils, biodiversity habitat, spoilage of freshwater and marine environments including the Great Barrier Reef.

The thousands of trees and other vegetation I've planted do little to redress the damage done by indiscriminate clearing of natural vegetation in the past.

Qld had a long and difficult battle to introduce Vegetation Clearing Management Legislation and it's ill considered withdrawal by the Newman Government was remiss.

The implications and evidence of Climate Change consequences alone demonstrate the critical importance of maintaining vegetation cover.

As chief custodians of this Planet it rests with us to understand, value and maintain the ecological systems which ultimately support our survival.

Economic development is underpinned by these ecological systems, which have never been factored into the economic equation.

Yours sincerely

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