

## SUBMISSION

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

<p><b>1. Removing High Value Agriculture and Irrigated High Value Agriculture from the Vegetation Management Framework</b></p>
<p>I believe this would make a shortage of grains available for distributing to the population. Our population is expanding all the time and it is extremely necessary</p> <p>It is also necessary for dairy and beef production as well as many many other stock feeds ( eg chooks, horses, etc etc. We should not be forced to import grains for obvious biosecurity reasons which would be utterly detrimental to our pristine clean reputation we have.</p> <p><b>This also would have huge flow on effects,</b></p> <p>On farm workers to work the land - not needed -- less employment</p> <p>Fuel used in machinery - fuel companies transportation -- less employment</p> <p>Repairs to machinery, the fuel company's machinery - Local repair companies -- less employment</p> <p>Tyres needed for all of the above - Tyre companies -- less employment</p> <p>All of this leads back to people having to move to cities and possibly breaking up families (just so they can survive or the financial toll could rip the family up). Then they may or may not find other employment or generally be forced to <b>get assistance and money from the government</b>. Which also then <b>leads to less tax</b> being paid by the working man and the <b>government having to spend more</b>.</p>
<p><b>2. Retaining Self-Assessable Codes</b></p>
<p>I believe self-assessable codes should be retained and self manageable by the farmer (like most other issues and reports are kept) remembering communications have improved immensely with Internet and data transfers and farmers are completely staying up to date.</p> <p>If self-assessable codes were taken away it would make planning both short term and long term a lot harder. We are working as a society to make matters take less time and be more efficient there for reducing paperwork which in turn reduces many flow on concerns.</p>
<p><b>3. Including High Value Regrowth as an additional layer of regulation under the Vegetation Management Framework on leasehold, freehold and indigenous land</b></p>
<p>Regulations need to have conformity and stop being changed overnight. This doesn't happen in other industries.</p> <p>As in my case future planning included regrowth control in a staggered time frame - now this has a possibility of being unable to be continued. Therefore my long term goal of transferring a productive family business to my family is forever diminishing which is heart breaking.</p>
<p><b>4. Increasing Category R regrowth watercourse vegetation to include additional catchments in the Burnett Mary, Eastern Cape York and Fitzroy Great Barrier Reef Catchments.</b></p>
<p>Like global warming - so called experts change things to the way they think without fully exploring the history. The majority of Australia's written history is only 200 years old and the farmers are always blamed first for destruction in which in 99% of cases the farmer should not be. He/She is on his land for a life time</p>

(not to mention the future of his own family in years to come) and he does his best to look after it and the environment around it as well as any native fauna.

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

In an instant the value of the land you have purchased can alter dramatically from incorrect regulations. This should not be able to happen.

6. Other matters relevant to the Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 that the review committee should consider appropriate and worth some consideration

Appropriate guidelines allow growth and sustainability by all Farmers

We need to be able to plan and not have legislation continuously changing

We are wanting to plan appropriately for the times of drought therefore resulting in a sustainable future

Self-Assessable Codes have been very necessary saving time money and effort from both the farmer and the government

**Please listen to the farmers as many of them are 'quiet achievers' and 'the glue' that holds the country together.**

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