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OUR THOUGHTS

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1. Our food is too important to be caught up in politics year after year and election after election.
2. Farmers just want fair and workable laws to grow more food, create more jobs and look after the environment without being strangled in red tape.
3. These laws are the worst of both worlds. The Palaszczuk Government will make it harder for farmers to grow food and they won't deliver the best environmental outcomes either.
4. The Palaszczuk Government seems to have no idea how the laws would work on the ground, and are providing very little practical information to farmers and regional Departmental staff to understand what is being proposed.
5. What we do know is the laws will mean more red tape for farmers trying to feed their animals during drought, and these laws will make it more difficult for farmers to ensure the right balance of trees and grass on their properties to reduce erosion and maintain productivity.
6. The book, "Our Land, Our Future" was a government funded study done on Cape York Peninsula. It states the potential to grow crops.