

## SUBMISSION

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

### 1. Removing High Value Agriculture and Irrigated High Value Agriculture from the Vegetation Management Framework

The removal of high valued and Irrigated Agriculture will effect the north of the state during the dry season due to the landholders being able to irrigate some fodder and grain crops for the survival and welfare of their livestock during these times. This enables these farmers to drought proof their properties now and into the future.

### 2. Retaining Self-Assessable Codes.

Self-assessable codes enables Landholders to manage vegetation on their properties without the bureaucracy and red tape and time and effort and cost that it would take if this had to be done through a government department. Many of the landholders are in the over 50 to 70 age group managing properties without help, due to the droughts and tough times experienced over the last 10 to fifteen years, so anything that saves them time and effort is a bonus.

Example : If a landholders needs to clear a fence line to put up a new fence, especially these new Exclusion fences that are now in the process of being constructed, this would hold up the process no end.

### 3. Including High Value Regrowth as an additional layer of regulation under the Vegetation Management Framework on leasehold, freehold and indigenous land

Due to the short time frame for these submissions being due, most landholders have not had time to view all the necessary mapping regulations to come in. Our main concern is that the additional layer may effect the existing PMAV's on properties including our own. This could prove to be detrimental to the stocking capacity run on properties and future productive value of the country.

### 4. Increasing Category R regrowth watercourse vegetation to include additional catchments in the Burnett Mary, Eastern Cape York and Fitzroy Great Barrier Reef Catchments

With the government talking about developing the north many of these new proposed regulations will be detrimental to this happening in the future and may hold this state back as an agricultural asset.

Due to the time frame for these submissions again this has not allowed many people to view the maps as needed.

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

We feel that due to the population explosion of feral animals from this regulation and also explosion of noxious weeds would add greatly to the cost of maintaining the country in a productive state. So compensation should be available to landholders.

6. Increasing compliance measures and penalties under vegetation management laws.

We feel that the compliance measures and penalties already are strict enough as any work done on our own properties already involves much investigation and paperwork taking away much of our time and effort trying to run our own properties in these tough times. Landholders do not need any more stress and bureaucratic red tape taking away more of our rights and liberties.

Do you still want to have farming families???? ( Who love and care for their land and livestock.)

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

Self assessable codes and the ability to control encroaching vegetation onto good grass land in essential to maintaining the correct balance between pasture and vegetation. It makes it very difficult to plan for the future or with succession planning of families if rules are changed continuously.

I would like to know how come so much clearing of land can be done in the population areas without any of these laws applying to developers.( this is where the trees grew best).It amazes me how so many people in the cities and costal area are so worried about what we do out in the country areas while trying to run our properties and they have never been out here to experience it. It is a hard life, and only people who care enough about all aspects of the land are still out here. These coastal people and the government should be so grateful to us for providing their food excetra, and the hard work that is involved.

I hope the government can see that any further regulations to the people out here in the West only cause STRESS and COSTS to the running of our properties and the people on them!

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