

Submission.

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Dear Premier

I would like to protest against the proposed Vegetation Management Laws for the following reasons:

- The proposed laws affect small property owners like myself, who thought PMAV Maps were only for large property owners.
- Small property owners and some large rural holding owners do not know how to use a GPS to find co-ordinates, and are daunted by the prospect of using one.
- The cost of buying a GPS, depending on the quality, can cost up to \$1,000 which is prohibitive for some families.
- The cost of a GPS is prohibitive for hobby farmers who are trying to do some pest management in a little creek or gully on their small block.
- Land holders are worried about going over the boundaries that are being mapped, and therefore will not do pest management in creeks and gullies, causing properties to be overgrown with declared pests and being unviable for cattle production.
- If landholders discontinue to do pest management in creeks and gullies, more pests will be washed down in heavy rain events, causing pest weeds to make their way to the Great Barrier Reef.

Thanking you

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