



Committee Secretary
State Develop., Natural Resources & Ag Develop. Committee
Parliament House, George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000
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Dear Sir, Madam

Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the amendments. RSPCA Qld commends the Government on the underlying stated purposes of the Bill to increase the protection of the Great Barrier and high value regrowth, to implement codes of practice with respect to land clearing, and to amend rules around irrigation.

RSPCA Qld is not opposed to the economic development of Queensland, however we are all too aware of the price paid by our native animals from land clearing. Many animals are injured or killed in situ during the clearing, and others in the days and weeks that follow. When land is cleared animals are displaced and that displacement makes many of them vulnerable to stress (leading to increased susceptibility to disease), starvation if no suitable alternative home is found, and injuries (on the road or through fighting). One should remember that the suffering experienced is the same whether the animal is a common species or less common.

This last paragraph highlights the artificially created division between conservation and the consideration of animal welfare. The welfare of animals must be considered when development of any nature is being considered, but because of the division man has created, this does not routinely occur.

RSPCA Qld believes we as Queenslanders can do this better. We wish to endorse the submission made by Dr Hugh Finn from Curtin University Law School. We provided some input into his submission.

If RSPCA Qld can provide any additional information, please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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