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Committee Secretary,  
State Development, Natural Resources  
And agricultural Industry Development Committee  
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Dear Sir/Madam,  
RE: VEGETATION MANAGEMENT AND OTHER LEGISLATION  
AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Please accept this letter as our written submission regarding the  
aforementioned bill, which we do not support.

Our family is in the 6<sup>th</sup> generation of cattle producing in the  
Clermont District, and have been at our current location for the past  
97 years. We are responsible land owners, and our properties are  
sustainably managed to cope with all seasonal fluctuations.  
Wholesale clearing of our holdings have never or ever will be an  
option for us.

We are being penalised by this proposed legislation, as we will not be  
able to manage thickened invasive native species on our land. This in  
turn, will compromise how we go about our daily management  
operations on our properties, particularly with mustering cattle in  
paddocks that are a physical challenge at the best of times. Self-  
Assessable Codes have been very useful and more cost effective and

timely than lodging applications and wading through red tape. As we have completed all the previous maps required by government regulations, the 15 year cut-off on high value regrowth clearing, initiates a standard ongoing control cost regardless of drought, financial situation or other necessary operational procedures that affronts us. Do it or lose it approach - Isn't there a current government inquiry into Bullying

Under the proposed changes, landholders would be unable to effectively manage their properties without breaking the law and facing significant fines. It seems to be quite ok for developers and mining companies to destroy areas of forest and natural habitat, some of them documented as being the very last place where certain animals or birds live, so why this attack on agriculture. Our family has been involved with cattle producing for over 100 years, with practical knowledge and foresight being passed down from generation to generation. Like the many other producers in agriculture, we know as much and more about rural production, than those that live within the boundaries of cement walls, paths and bitumen roads. Don't cave in to minority pressure groups who have never left the city and wouldn't have a clue of what really goes on in our industry.

It is disappointing and disrespectful, that minimal consideration and negotiations with the landholder are not given prior to any proposed changes to regulations, legislations etc. A contrast to the current Governments view of giving everyone an equal opportunity. I.E. A Government for everybody! As custodians of our land, we view our relationship with our properties as a perpetual association. The high cost of land has meant that individuals are rarely capable of purchasing a viable living area in one generation. Land ownership passes from one generation to the next. Whilst politicians come and go from power, our association with the land continues for many generations. For this reason landholders are very aware of the need to have the correct balance between conservation and agricultural

development. This fact is continuously overlooked by legislators who fail to understand that Australian Farmers are conservationists, not the environmental vandals we are so often falsely accused of being. Governments, the conservation and red tape experts, Allow urban sprawl in uncontrolled habitats with bushfires destroying houses every-year – No sustainable infrastructure (water storage, etc), being built to support our growing communities . Where does our expanding population's future lie?

Long term profits and productivity restrictions has a major influence on the general population as communities lose the opportunity to grow - Job Losses - less agricultural production equals less people required to process the food and fibre chains.

It is very easy – Population Growing By The Minute- Restriction on Agricultural with College Educated Political Red Tape – Queensland is supposed to be the Smart State - Keep it simple Stupid – Listen to the people that know and give them a go.

Yours Sincerely,

Lance & Sonia Faint