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Hi, I would like to express my concern in relation to the tree clearing laws that the current labor government wish to legislate in Queensland. These laws do not effect me directly however do directly effect friends very close to me in the Bollon, Cunnamulla, Charleville, Morven and Augathella districts. I cannot for one second fathom how the current government cannot at the very least lift the proposed legislation for mulga. Mulga is essential to graziers in western Queensland to allow them to feed their stock in times of drought. I have friends in the Bollon area who we visit regularly and they rely heavily on their mulga. They have had approximately 5 inches of rain over the last 12 months. This is enough to grow herbage that is lucky to last a week once the kangaroos find it. There are dead kangaroos everywhere because they have nothing to eat. If the kangaroos are dying imagine what it is going to do to the cattle. Graziers are already struggling enough even with having access to THEIR mulga. With no mulga they simply can't survive. Farmers will be forced to sell land which will virtually become worthless. The rise of mental health issues and rate of suicide in farmers will increase. The labor government have the lives of these farmers and graziers on them! If you have any compassion for these farmers and graziers you will at least lift the laws on mulga clearing. Not to mention the common sense approach to the management of mulga. Stop trying to please the greens and listen to the farmers. Their lives and the future of the cattle industry in western Queensland depend on it!

Yours sincerely
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