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To Whom It May Concern,

The following is a submission in regard to the tightening of the vegetation management laws.

My family and I, in September 2017, have bought a 11700ha property in the Mulga Lands. We bought this property to add feed security to our grazing enterprise. We have been running stock in this area since 2010. Most of this property contains thickened mulga vegetation. As this thickened mulga is too tall for stock to graze, our plan has been to thin it out. Thinning this mulga serves two purposes, both feeding the stock on the existing tree and allowing rejuvenation of that mulga, which will grow into a small tree that stock can graze as it stands.

The current thinning legislation is the most appropriate way to manage thickened mulga, given that if left unmanaged it will overpopulated and indeed choke itself out, rendering the land unproductive. We have no intention for broad scale clearing, as the very value of this property is in managed mulga. Self assessable and notification process means that works can start the same day.

If the proposed legislation changes are put through it will destroy our and many others' viability. It will indeed be devastating for Queensland's beef, wool and lamb production industries, including the associated families and towns.

I proposed that the Mulga Lands be left out of any legislation changes and that we continue under the current thinning guidelines.

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