

## SUBMISSION

I provide my submission on rejection of the changes proposed in the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 ("the Bill").

This constant change in legislation severely impacts on the ability of farm managers to plan and implement effective long-term property and business management decisions. Ecological processes work in much longer timeframes and can be severely compromised when mismatching regulations are enforced. Farmers have long called for certainty with the vegetation management regulatory framework. I am totally opposed to continued uncertainty and attacks on the viability of myself, the long-term sustainability of my business as well as attacks on fellow farmers.

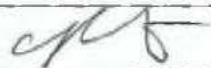
The impacts of the proposed changes to the Vegetation Management Act include;

- The purpose for High Value Agriculture and Irrigated High Value Agriculture will be removed.
- Extends Category B areas (remnant vegetation) and Category C (regrowth vegetation) to freehold land, and indigenous freehold land. Additional 862 000ha High Value Regrowth and water course buffers to all reef catchment, Burnett Mary, Fitzroy, Eastern Cape York.
- Thinning will require Development Application to be lodged for approval.
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Describe the impacts the changes will make to stall agriculture, discourage investment, and increase costs and time to manage vegetation.

1. land management should be science based only not a political football to get elected.
2. It's not ok to take away an asset that was bought, maintained, paid for without proper compensation. Any other business that is affected for the 'greater good' is compensated, why not farmers.
3. Trees grow, you can't just count one side of a ledger i.e. the regrowth clearing but not the growth, once it has been cleared once, stop counting it in the figures as 'land clearing'.

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4. We all eat + need clothes, increasing populations mean we need more agriculture. Why stop high value ag. Its got no basis in science, in logic, or fairness.

5. Fodder harvesting - mulga lands have been well managed for generations, why of a resource which surprise surprise - grows back!! I beg you to consider the effect these laws will have on anyone that rely on this region.

6. Lack of consultation, 2 wks to consult on a law that was preplanned, not science based, an attack on an entire industry, is nothing but an insult and demonising to say the least.

7. I desperately hope the state labour government has put in place mental health services, support and added resources to cope with the impact of these changes, not just ~~for~~ farmers but for regional + rural towns. The affect is + will be immense and ongoing.

Please don't attack, demonise, kick us in the guts and leave us to fend for ourselves. That's not how we do it in QLD.



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