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Committee Secretary
State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee
Parliament House
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Committee Members,

I wish to provide support for the proposed Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

I have a rural property in the lowland Wet Tropics and am conserving the rainforest area and revegetating the cleared areas to help maintain cassowary habitat and corridors in this cyclone-affected region.

I am alarmed at the reported (and observed) high rates of vegetation clearing in Queensland. Diverse and extensive vegetation cover provides crucial habitat to many species, both endangered and threatened, as well as providing critical offset to greenhouse emissions.

The proposed legislation contains many valuable measures and is to be applauded in its intent.

I do however note the reported concerns (Guardian, March 20) regarding landholders' ability to designate large areas as being Category X under the existing rules and that there will be no requirement, once this legislation is passed, for them to revise that listing according to the new Bill's stricter guidelines. I fear that this would mean that clearing may continue unabated in these areas, in contravention with the intent of the Bill. Accordingly, I encourage the committee to tighten the requirements in this respect.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

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