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Dear Committee Secretary,

Re: Submission to address the Vegetation Management and other Legislation Bill 2018.

Thankyou for allowing me to comment on your proposed bill. I would like to bring this information to your committee. Before rabbits, cats & foxes drove them to extinction, the Burrowing Bettong or Mitika controlled woody weeds including Mulga because they posses a digestive system based on foregut fermentation. It should be understood by your committee that Graziers harvesting mulga to feed their stock are doing the work of the Burrowing Bettong in its absence. If the extinct Burrowing Bettong could be returned to Queensland from Barrow Island, it would also control other woody weeds with high levels of aromatic defence compounds.

If we are wanting to manage our Australian Landscape properly we must understand the dynamics of its ecology and the proposed Vegetation Management and other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 does not do that.

Please Lodge My Objection

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