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To whom it may concern

We are a small beef cattle production enterprise in Central Queensland.

The new tree clearing laws will negatively affect our business.

In 2016 we applied for a thinning permit to manage the huge increase in the number of trees that grew after the 2015 floods in Central Queensland.

We have been slowly acting on this thinning permit to ensure it is done in the best method for the environment.

Without being able to thin the smaller trees the grass is slowly being choked out by leaf matter and therefore causing the top soil to be exposed and vulnerable to erosion when it rains. We need to ensure the soil is protected as without grass there is no feed for the cattle to then feed the rest of the country. We both come from farming families who have been on the land for generations, and we are trying to preserve and improve our property for our children. So they can continue this lifestyle in a sustainable manner for both the environment and our family.

Please don't use this law as a media stunt. It will affect the environment and the beef industry negatively. We beg you to please do some more research and listen to the people who have actually seen the negative impacts caused by similar situations to this proposed legislation.

Yours sincerely

Ross and Rachel Pierce

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