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Committee Secretary State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry  
Development Committee Parliament House George Street Brisbane Qld 4000

Submission to Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018  
('VMOLA Bill') inquiry

Dear Committee I DO NOT THINK THE VMOLA BILL IN ITS CURRENT STATE SHOULD BE PASSED. THIS BILL WILL PREVENT FARMERS FROM FEEDING MULGA TO STOCK IN DROUGHT. THE PRACTICE HAS BEEN IN USE FOR GENERATIONS AND IS BENEFICIAL TO THE ENVIRONMENT. A BLANKET BAN ON CLEARING WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES WILL CONTRIBUTE TO MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND SUICIDES IN FARMING COMMUNITIES. COMPARING MULGA WITH OLD FORESTS AND TREATING THEM THE SAME IS A LACK OF COMMON SENSE. I STRONGLY FEEL THE BILL SHOULD NOT BE PASSED WITHOUT AMENDMENTS TO REFLECT THE DIVERSITY OF PLACES IT AIMS TO PROTECT.

Yours sincerely, Leanne Brummell

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