

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.

I AM A 5TH GENERATION OWNER OF MY LAND, MY PROPERTY HAS BEEN IN MY FAMILIES OWNERSHIP FOR 124 YRS. I BELIEVE I AM MORE THAN QUALIFIED & THE BEST PERSON TO MAKE MANAGERIAL DECISIONS REGARDING VEG MANAGEMENT ON MY PROPERTY. THESE PROPOSED CHANGES WILL MAKE IT SIGNIFICANTLY MORE DIFFICULT & TAKE CONSIDERABLY MORE TIME WADING THROUGH THE RED TAPE SEEKING APPROVAL TO MANAGE THE VEGETATION ON MY PROPERTY. THIS WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF PRODUCTION AND DEGRADING OF MY PROPERTY THROUGH VEGETATION THICKENING. RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT OF VEGETATION IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF MY MIND ALONG WITH A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AS I WOULD LIKE MY PROPERTY TO STILL BE VIABLE & STILL IN MY FAMILIES OWNERSHIP IN ANOTHER 124 YEARS.

Signed:



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