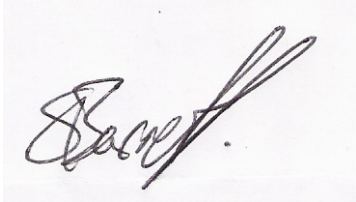


SUBMISSION

In providing this submission I refer directly to the key provisions of the legislation which may be amended.

1. Removing High Value Agriculture and Irrigated High Value Agriculture from the Vegetation Management Framework
My concern is for the future of farming including my own business and how farms not be able to be developed to keep up with the rising cost of production and how that leads to having to constantly produce more or value add.
2. Retaining Self-Assessable Codes
Removing self-assessing codes has the potential to limit farmers' abilities to effectively manage the land and business resulting in less production and a less viable business overall.
3. Including High Value Regrowth as an additional layer of regulation under the Vegetation Management Framework on leasehold, freehold and indigenous land
In general I am strongly opposed to further government regulation of vegetation management. It creates far too much administrative work for managers as it is, meaning we have less time to go and out manage our land effectively and sustainably.
4. Increasing Category R regrowth watercourse vegetation to include additional catchments in the Burnett Mary, Eastern Cape York and Fitzroy Great Barrier Reef Catchments.
This will limit development of the north in general and as with 3 above, I am strongly opposed to being subjected to more red tape
5. That no compensation will be payable to landholders subject to added layers of regulation – high value regrowth, regrowth watercourses and essential habitat during transitional arrangements
Land owners should be compensated for the loss of production that is brought about by introducing limits to clearing that were not there previously. If a business owner had calculated and budgeted on having certain production values over certain time periods, the government has no right to create negative impacts on this.
6. Increasing compliance measures and penalties under vegetation management laws.
It is already hard enough to work through all the red tape to get to the point of being able to clear regrowth, I believe that any mistaken clearing should not be penalised at a higher rate.
7. Other matters relevant to the Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 that the review committee should consider appropriate and worth some consideration

This is a matter of sustainability for farmers- they must be able to remain financially viable so that they can then spent the necessary money to complete projects and works that will continue environmental sustainability. Farmers need certainty- there is already enough uncertainty in erratic climate conditions that our businesses operate in.

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