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To whom it may concern:

I am a property owner from the Roma area in south west Queensland. These laws will affect me negatively on the land myself and my family own and manage. Land on our property which is green on the pmav was originally made green because of the blue grass on it. It is naturally treeless country. This land can be ploughed and farmed as long as the trees are not touched. This previously would not have been a problem but as the trees are encroaching on and thickening in this land it will make it unviable to farm it due to the trees. Under the new legislation proposals we would not be able to get a permit to clear the trees and farm what was naturally treeless country. On other more heavily timbered country which I manage the areas that have been cleared are producing a large body of grass both holding the soil together and preventing erosion and being highly productive grazing land. The land that has not been cleared has very thick trees, no grass or ground cover and is eroding, and basically produces nothing. This land cannot be cleared, nor could a thinning permit be acquired under the new legislation proposal. For us to leave the country to the next generation of farmers in as good or better shape than it was left to us these laws must not go ahead. I believe the triple bottom line should be looked at by governments and in this case it clearly has not been as the environment, profitability and the community will all lose out if these laws pass.

Please take my submission seriously and listen to what farmers and regional Queenslanders are feeling as we are the ones who care for our land, environment, community and families Regards Phillip Crocker

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