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### **VEGETATION MANAGEMENT BILL AMENDMENT RESPONSE**

The economy of our Tablelands Regional Council area is based primarily on our Agricultural industry, whether it be the highly productive areas of our Golden Triangle, our undulating high rainfall areas; or our more extensive grazing land toward the south west.

It is our understanding that the proposed amendments to the State Government's Vegetation Management Bill, the 18th amendment to this Bill since it was first introduced in 1999, will put at risk the ability of these blocks to produce to their potential and substantially limit the ability for expansion of productive land within our region.

Not only is TRC blessed with productive natural assets, but we also boast amazing and unique environmental attributes. It is imperative that the discussion around Vegetation Management balance both Economic and Environmental considerations.

Instead of yet another costly and destabilising Bill amendment, we would encourage a constructive dialogue to arrive at ways to best implement the current Legislation in a way that both Environmental and Economic considerations can be reasonably considered for the long term of both; rather than taking yet another political, "Win-Lose" position.

It is our understanding and belief that the current Vegetation Management Legislation provides for this balance to be considered.

We therefore cannot support any further amendments to this Bill.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Paronella', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

**CR JOE PARONELLA**  
**MAYOR**