Submission

I provide my submission for the rejection of the changes proposed in the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

The proposed changes in the new Accepted Development Code, Managing thickened vegetation, are nothing but a bureaucratic nightmare. These changes to the code are completely unrealistic and places the average farmer, to lose his competitive edge to manage and maintain his farm. His incentive, his application, his work ethic will all be lost and farmers, who probably average 60-70 hours of work a week, will through up their arms in despair. WHY ARE WE FARMING AND TO HELL WITH SUPPLYING PROTEIN TO THE WORLD MARKET AND PROVIDING JOBS FOR REGIONAL QUEENSLANDERS.

I propose the following changes to the new accepted development code, managing thickened vegetation:

- 1. Area limits for managing thickened vegetation be increased from 10% to 20% of the land tenure, with no size restrictions.
- 2. In the sparse Regional Ecosystem, the thinning down to 300 trees per hectare be decreased to 100 trees per hectare.
- 3. The numbers of trees to be retained in the other regional ecosystems be reduced to practical numbers.
- 4. Self assessable code, as in the previous legislation be retained.

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