

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.

THE COUNTRY AROUND MOUNT PERRY DISTRICT IS WITHIN THE AREA OF TIMBER THAT CONTINUALLY GROWING WITH SMALL REGROWTH IF LEFT LONGER THEN 8-10 YEARS WE NEED TO THIN OUT IN THIS TIME. OUR TIMBER AREA HAS SOME WONDERFUL TIMBER, LOGS, POLES, FENCE POSTS, GIRDERS FOR TIMBER BRIDGES, ETC. IF THINING OUT OF SMALL REGROWTH IS NOT ALLOWED IT IS ONLY TIME THAT COUNTRY WILL BECOME A FIRE HAZARD THIS WOULD BE THE LAST THING WE WANT THE SMALL REGROWTH WOULD THICKEN UP WHEN THERE IS LESS REGROWTH THE FIRE DOES NOT REACH THE TALLER TIMBER. WE ARE CAREFUL TO KEEP ENOUGH SEEDLINGS TO REGENERATE I BELIEVE THAT TREES ARE VERY MUCH LIKE HUMANS IF ONE GENERATION IS WIPE OUT THE SAME APPLIES TO GOOD TREES. WE ALSO RUN A GRAZING PROPERTY THAT LOOK THE CATTLE INCOME IS EQUAL TO OUR ROYALTY FOR TIMBER. LOOKING AFTER TIMBER HAS BEEN A 30 YEAR END OUR. BECAUSE WE HAVE KEPT THE REGROWTH DOWN

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