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**From:** Julie Latham  
**Sent:** Thursday, 22 March 2018 9:00 AM  
**To:** SDNRAIDC  
**Subject:** Veg Management Bill

*Dear Sir/Madam*

*First of all I am a conservationist. I am an active member of both Chinchilla & Toowoomba Field Naturalists. We take great care of our property, trees, habitat & pastures that allow us to stay viable so we can care for our land. If we are not viable some one else will purchase our property & probably will not take the care that we do. If the 'Family Farm' can not survive the multi nationals will soon acquire & consolidate property's.*

*I have a couple of comments to make to this committee.*

*We have family members who live in the Mulga country so I do understand how this bill will effect the viability of their business. My son-in-law is a very careful operator, & it is in his interest to lay the trees over & keep them alive, this lets sunlight onto the ground allowing the cattle & sheep to self feed. I have seen the thickening of the Mulga country, & sensible management is vital to the biodiversity. Country with no sunlight reaching the ground grows no grass, & no seed, to support the seed eating birds & small mammals (which are under great pressure from feral cats & dogs).*

*We have been drought declared for 5 years & I know, without mulga harvesting, there would be many thousands of dead cattle. I wonder if the urban population know & understand where their food comes from, if the Ag industries are unviable no one will be out in the regions producing food & fibber.*

*I now live in Toowoomba, some of the time, & am horrified by developers being allowed to removing ALL trees from development sites*

*Yours Faithfully  
Julie Latham*

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