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Dear State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee,

I write in support of the Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Bill 2018 and congratulate the Government on reintroducing this Bill to Parliament. It has been a source of great concern to me for years that the rate of vegetation clearing in Queensland is so high and that the winding back of protective legislation under the previous LNP Government made this far worse. There are many reasons to reduce vegetation clearing including the need to reduce green house gasses in the light of the quite frightening scientific evidence of global warming with its extreme weather events, which impact severely on farmers. In addition the broad-scale clearing of native vegetation has led to the death and suffering of thousands (perhaps millions) of native animals killed in horrible ways or deprived of their habitat and food source. This is an animal welfare issue of the highest order which no-one in Government seems to care about. Vegetation also provides us with protection against erosion, salination of soils, local climate control, oxygen to breathe and beauty all valuable assets that humans need.

I agree with the essential need to remove high value agriculture as a trigger for clearing, I support better protection for high value conservation vegetation regrowth, I would like to see the thinning code removed, better protection for riparian zones of rivers that enter the Great Barrier Reef and removal of current area management plans. I especially support the removal of self- assessment by lay people who do not have the scientific qualification to know what they are assessing.

The Bill could be stronger, but it is a good start to repairing Australia's appalling record as the third worst land clearing country in the world.

For the benefit of all humans on the planet I fully support this Bill.

Yours sincerely

Lois Levy.