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Committee Secretary  
State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Committee  
Parliament House  
George St Brisbane 4000

Dear Committee Secretary,

RE: Vegetation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

I wish to express my urgent (and my businesses) desire to reinstate the Vegetation Management Act as quickly as possible.

The Newman Government rescinded this important legislation without consultation and therefore it can be reinstated as such.

The strong land clearing laws before the Newman Government resulted in a direct correlation with reduction in broad scale land clearing. I witnessed evidence of this whilst conducting my business as a nature photographer and publisher.

The previous land clearing laws were introduced in part as a request by the Howard Government to meet our Kyoto Protocol of reducing carbon from entering the atmosphere. The best way to do this is to stop broad scale land clearing. It is vital we keep trees in the ground, carbon and moisture stored in the soil and our riparian zones intact to reduce the impact of erosion and sedimentation.

The rush to clear 30,000ha in Cape York during the dying days of the Newman Govt is testament to the insane nature of the legislation as it now stands. Cape York, the largest region of savannah woodlands left in the world and worthy of World Heritage Listing [REDACTED]. This cannot continue.

Apart from my personal belief that land clearing laws in Queensland must be tightened my livelihood also depends on the green credentials of this state. My business will continue to thrive if this state acknowledges the effects of climate change and acts now to mitigate it's threats. The easiest way to meet our targets is to cease clearing old growth, regrowth and riparian zones.

Thank You for your time,

Steven Nowakowski