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Dear Committee,

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It is unacceptable that Queensland's woodland and scrub is now being cleared at a rate equivalent to 1,000 rugby fields a day. It is also unacceptable that with 395,000 hectares of regrowth and old growth vegetation having been cleared in 2015-16 — a rise of 33 per cent over the previous year — Queensland accounts for more than half of Australia's total losses of native forest.

To reverse this

1. 'high value regrowth vegetation' must be extended to fully meet the government's election commitment by protecting high conservation value regrowth vegetation. Extra amendments are needed to allow much more extensive protection including endangered vegetation species and communities, vegetation in reef catchments, riparian areas, threatened species habitat and areas where landscape integrity is at risk
2. to ensure this definition of thinning activities is given effect there must be a requirement that it be demonstrated prior to clearing being allowed
3. to truly reduce the significant clearing allowed for 'thinning' it should no longer be an allowable activity by permit or code, particularly not for mature and high value regrowth vegetation and

under existing Area Management Plans.

4. fodder harvesting should be limited to where there is an official drought declaration.

Yours sincerely

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