

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.

As Attached.

Signed:



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Date:

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The Bill potentially breaches fundamental legislative principles of legislative Standard Act 1992 and as Tax paying/Rate paying humans we do NOT have to stand for this.

Legislation should have sufficient regard to **our "Graziers"** rights and liberties.

We as "Graziers" over the last 3 generations of this family have adopted a sustainable approach to land clearing. In the early 1970's our family was required to by government to clear and improve land which was undertaken over and in the scheme of things a short amount of time and as such was done in a way that country was cleared leaving a considerable amount of vegetation left to allow for the control of sensitive areas for wildlife and at the same time being able to obtain a sustainable grazing operation with significant ground cover to control erosion and sediment run off.

As an ongoing Family grazing operation with a fourth generation coming along we need to secure a future plan for our operations that don't include "legislations" being imposed on the landholder ie. The Rural Industry every time the government goes chasing the votes of the Greens.

With land prices at record levels it is already considerably difficult to ensure a rural operation can be run viably and meet the requirements of the Banks without having legislations like this imposed which will have detrimental consequences.

We have plans to further drought proof our operations through farming and would include selective clearing. If this Bill is passed we will not be able to achieve this.