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Committee Secretary
State Development, Natural Resources
and Agricultural Industry Development Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Committee Secretary,

I would like to strongly protest about the proposed changes to Vegetation Management Laws

My parents have a property in the Gladstone Region where they grow cattle and I have seen how much work they put into it.

Their property is diverse and they love that it is and have no intentions of having all cleared acreage but they need to be able to manage their asset for their future. I have been there to help them build new steel cattle yards, plant new pastures, create new watering points and fence off the creek so that eco system can flourish.

I have built a spray unit so Mum can try and keep the suckers under control as they seem to just grow overnight. I have fabricated a seeder for Dad so he can plough and seed to also attempt to beat the suckers in their cleared areas.

What I see is if this legislation goes through it will impact farmers and their future and it will also impact my generation who is thinking that maybe I do not want to take over the family farm as I see the anguish my parents go through with every election and the fact everyone wants to shift the goal posts.

Yours Sincerely,
Sam Barnes

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