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To Whom It may Concern

AS a younger person starting out and having grown up on my family's land, I want to voice my opposition to the Laws being imposed on us now.

We are responsible for our land and never cause harm to it we look after it for the long term productivity and for future generations. Clearing of vegetation is only under taken in limited amounts to improve the land and the viability of it.

The land which I am developing is not rich agricultural soil and to be able to carry a higher stocking rate improved pastures are required as the natural grasses are insufficient. Without the ability to maintain control of regrowth the land will become unusable and completely overgrown.

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This area being the 'seasonally dry tropics' measures have to be taken into consideration for drought proofing your property and providing feed in the dry times.

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There are too many restrictions placed on farmers now – especially those of us in the region of the Great Barrier Reef. Some consideration should be given to looking into what effects the tourist industry has on the water quality, which the farmer is so often blamed for causing the damage..

All tourist carrying vessels use anti-fouling on the boats which has a very high chemical concentration of diuron. This in turn leeches into the ocean and has been proven in previous testing on the waters of the famous Whitehaven Beach.

Thank you,

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