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To the Committee Secretary

State Development Committee

Dear Sir

When vegetation management laws were introduced in Queensland on freehold title, it greatly reduced the value and also the future production and increased income without any compensation.

Vegetation management laws on freehold title in Australia was the greatest government sponsored theft from property owners ever perpetrated in this country. Many landholders who were greatly affected by these laws, spent large sums of money free holding their properties.

Private property was confiscated during the Russian Revolution.

Vegetation Laws are tantamount to part confiscation of freehold title.

Farmers throughout Australia are managing the environment, fires, feral animals and introduced weeds at their own expense on behalf of the Australian people.

In recognition of the crucial part that farmers play in managing the environment, contributing about \$60 Billion of export earnings and providing food and fibre for the public, the L.N.P. Government in 2013 amended the Vegetation laws. These changes allowed clearing for high value agriculture and also regrowth control.

Any farming business that does not have the capacity to expand and keep up with rising costs and fluctuating world agricultural commodity prices is at great risk. In Queensland, since controlled burning has been greatly reduced, there is much more vegetation now than ever before.

The greatest risk to the environment is introduced feral animals and introduced Flora and the Queensland government is doing little to manage these problems.

The vegetation management laws are discriminatory, open slather for housing and industrial development. The south east corner is an environmental disaster, the poor koala is almost extinct in the area.

Farmers are competent managers of the environment. There is no need for these draconian measures to be implemented.

The changes are purely political. The Labor Party has been in power for 25 of the last 30 years as a result of Green preferences, these proposed changes are purely to appease their radical Green partners.

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