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Submission Email

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Dear State Development, Natural Resources & Agricultural Industry Development Committee

Re living in the Cassowary Coastal plain: Living close to the reef I am support Landcare and their implementation of settling ponds for farm run off before it hits the creeks and goes out to the reef. I would love to see settling ponds set up at the end of banana rows so that the same thing can happen. I do know that during the 1970s the farmers tell us that they were given custodianship of riparian river edges and this enabled much clearing of vegetation from the banks of creeks. I also know that the influence of European rivers being designed into canals had a great influence on the design that Mediterranean migrant farmers brought with them when they cleared their newly purchased land especially after the war. This run off that contains top soil with chemical agricultural residuals all end out on the GB reef. Re planting of river bank edges is imperative and we are just one family of a few who are doing just that on our own property.

My husband grew up in the western Darling Downs and over the years saw the clearance of Cypress Pine along with other scrub lands - and witnessed the disappearance of the koala bear from the Dalby districts. Grass Tree poison was often used across the state to clear vegetation and trees. We had it used in our valley.

As a member of CAFNEC in Cairns I am happy to support the views of this letter prototype that they sent me - knowing that they have down their homework.

I wish to express my support for the passing of Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018, although I wish to see some amendments to the Bill first.

I strongly endorse the Bill in seeking to scrap high value agriculture as a relevant clearing purpose, protect high conservation value regrowing woodlands, scrap the thinning code, extend Reef riparian areas, and to terminate current Area Management Plans.

I strongly endorse amendments to the Bill to totally remove 'managing thickened vegetation' provisions, to guarantee no new self-assessable code for thinning or new Area Management Plans were possible in the future.

I am disappointed that government is not proposing to substantially tighten up fodder harvesting provisions, including major restrictions and tying any clearing to official drought declaration.

I respectfully ask that the Committee examine options for recommending changes to the Bill and codes accordingly, and to ensure that the above reforms are fully translated into practice.

Even with these reforms, I believe there will be more work to be done in bringing about an end to remnant clearing in Queensland, to better protect threatened species including koalas and their habitats, and to comprehensively protect native woodlands.

Yours Sincerely,

Catherine Campbell-Lloyd

