

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.

I have preserved significant areas of original vegetation and have PMAV's in place. I run cattle on land that has been cleared for over 50 years and I need to be able to manage regrowth on these areas to remain viable. The proposed changes will increase my cost base and ultimately impact the value of my assets.

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20/3/18.

THE ISSUE is the constantly changing regulations around vegetation management and the lines on the maps appear to be more about prevention as opposed to preserving valuable habitats under the recent changes introduced on 8/3/18. Making it difficult to plan for the long term.