

Reason for confidentiality:

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.

The current Queensland Government has already stalled agriculture and discouraged investment by announcing changes will be made to the vegetation laws.

The current Queensland Government is out of touch with modern agriculture, it is allowing minority groups manipulate the mainstream population with old stigmas that do not exist. Every landholder manages the environment for the future, because this is our livelihood ,we genuinely care for it and believe in its renewable resources and sustainability.

Everyone wears fibres grown in Australia, eats food grown and processed in Australia – but they are [REDACTED] primary producers by making changes to something they do not understand or have real knowledge about. This will therefore effect everyone in Australia.

There are better solutions to work through than changing vegetation management laws.

There has not been enough time or consultation regarding this issue, with the people this directly impacts and involves.

Please give the people and region the freedom to continue to best manage their land for the future of the whole of Queensland by leaving the laws as they were.

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