

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 impacts of the new vegetation laws will be felt throughout the whole country. These impacts will go far beyond just the local farmers and landholders. When land holders are limited to the amount of cattle they can run due to the lack of grass, not only will our country be left with less beef to put on our plates, but every industry that uses any part of a cow to produce their products will feel the effect and will need to find different products that have to same properties as the parts of each cow that was used for making this product.

Land holders pay a lifetime of money to be able to buy their bit of land, they pay their taxes and even follow the governments rules as to what they can and can not do on their place that cost millions. They follow the governments rules as to what parts of their land they can clear to improve the quality of their land and the quality of their produce. If they can not clear and maintain some land they can not produce the great quality produce we have. Our country will become reliant on all other countries to provide us with beef as we are not sufficient enough in producing our own. Our own Country is already 3/4 owned by China and other countries. If we do not allow our farmers to provide us with quality beef that is produced to australias high standards, We are just going to let our population use poor quality and poisenious beef.

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