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To: [SDNRAIDC](#)
Subject: QLD's Land Clearing Laws
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Dear State Development, Natural Resources & Agricultural Industry Development Committee

I am a very proud Australian who has resided in Victoria, Northern Territory and now Queensland and feel that we are all extremely blessed to have been born in this wonderful country.

However, I have grave concerns about the way we are currently treating our precious environment, and fear the consequences of our actions may impact seriously upon the generations to come.

In regard to the Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018, I appreciate the current efforts to achieve an appropriate level of legislation, to address the many different perspectives and concerns of such a diverse array of stake-holders. I am in favour of the scrapping of high-value agriculture as a relevant clearing purpose and also endorse the aim of protecting high conservation value woodlands. I am also strongly in favour of scrapping the thinning code, terminating current Area Management Plans and extending Reef riparian areas.

As well as the above, I feel further amendments which totally remove 'managing thickened vegetation' provisions, to guarantee no new self-assessable code for thinning or new Area Management Plans are possible in the future, are also highly desirable.

I am confused at the decision to avoid measures to substantially restrict fodder-harvesting provisions, as well as linking any proposed clearing of land to an official declaration of drought, and wonder if anyone from your Department would be willing to explain this course of action please?

I sincerely hope that your Committee will be given the time and resources required to examine all suggested changes to the Bill, with the aim of ensuring that we, and all of our descendants will reap the benefits of these reforms having been fully implemented right across this beautiful State.

As we all know, there will always be divergent opinions in the area of environmental policies, but it really seems that we are currently at an extremely crucial stage in our decision-making. We cannot continue on the path we have been on, particularly in regard to such issues as remnant-clearing of land, which threatens habitats and then, as a consequence, so many different species.

Please act now in best conscience to ensure that your names are not linked to continuing environmental degradation and extinctions of organisms.

Yours Sincerely,

Jennifer Ryan,