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To: [SDNRAIDC](#)
Subject: Proposed vegetation Clearing Laws
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Dear State Development, Natural Resources & Agricultural Industry Development Committee,

As an environmental scientist and Queenslander I would like to express my support for the proposed Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018. I sincerely hope it passes.

Unchecked vegetation clearing within this state has been legal for too long. The impacts to native species, the climate, human health, water way health and the great barrier reef have been significant. The fact that this was legal should cause great concern in the Queensland Public and scepticism of our elected officials. That you would allow laws like this over continuing human health is highly regrettable.

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.

While this bill is a positive start i do not think it goes far enough.

Thanks and kind regards

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