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Dear State Development, Natural Resources & Agricultural Industry Development Committee

Although I live in south east Queensland, I have spent a lot of time with graziers throughout Queensland including Mulga country. I am very familiar with the need to harvest vegetation for fodder on occasion. I am also aware of the difference between conservative fodder harvesting techniques and clearing and the depth and breadth of online and consultancy based advice that is available for when it is appropriate to move or de-stock country as drier conditions prevail. I am also aware of the science and on-ground implications of woodland thickening and the short-term perceptions of 'locked up country'.

So I wish to express my support for the passing of Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018, although I wish to see some amendments to the Bill first.

I strongly endorse the Bill in seeking to scrap high value agriculture as a relevant clearing purpose, protect high conservation value regrowing woodlands, scrap the thinning code, extend Reef riparian areas, and to terminate current Area Management Plans.

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.

Even with these reforms, I believe there will be more work to be done in bringing about an end to remnant clearing in Queensland, to better protect threatened species including koalas and their habitats, and to comprehensively protect native woodlands.

Yours Sincerely

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WMO, Bulletin n° : [Vol 65 \(2\) - 2016](#)