

## 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 proposed changes to the Vegetation Management Act will severely impact Queensland’s Agricultural industry.**

**Family’s and business livelihoods will be impacted by the proposed changes. Impacts will be immediate.**

**Our ability to run a world class, innovative and efficient agricultural business in Queensland will be hamstrung.**

**Any further investment in the Queensland agricultural sector will be diminished as the future is not clear for landholders.**

**We will not be able produce food and fibre effectively and efficiently going forward.**

**Landowners are the caretakers of Queensland agricultural land. The proposed changes remove the ability to adequately and efficiently take care of the land not only for this generation but the next.**

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