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Senate Submission – Vegetation Management Laws

We are writing to express our concerns regarding the proposed laws. The area of particular concern for us relates to **Mulga - stock fodder and regrowth**.

As residents and beef producers of the Mulga Lands in South West Queensland we fear that these laws will negatively impact us, our family, our businesses and our community. We believe that concessions need to be given for clearing Mulga to feed stock and manage regrowth. It is well known that if Mulga is not managed it quickly grows out of control leaving room for little else to grow and drastically reducing biodiversity, a fact that is the opposite of what these laws seemingly aim to achieve. Improving biodiversity is an environmental goal that aligns with our goals, as producers. We require the flexibility to efficiently manage our property with minimum bureaucratic interference. I am concerned that if an application process is re-introduced, as it was pre-Newman Government, approval will be too difficult to receive.

This scenario would be potentially devastating to my community. Land values and productivity will decrease resulting in job losses and economic decline in an area that is already struggling.

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