

## 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.

**Premier,**

**You are pandering to a minority group in the Greens. If they are so important for you to remain in Government then it is a shallow victory.**

**Why would you knowingly damage an industry such as the Agricultural Industry if you are supposed to govern for all.**

**What you have done causes financial difficulties, drought, reduced stocking rates and mustering problems that you wouldn't understand.**

**If we are expected to shoulder the burden of righting the worlds climatic problems-----where is the yearly compensation?**

**We operate in a democratic system and I'll say one thing about Labour Governments, you are predictable, you spend too much money, look after the unions and savage the would be capitalists.**

**I own my place, Freehold, fee simple. Yet, you think you can tell me what to do on my own land with my trees. Why don't you leave us alone . Take a long look in the mirror and realise the damage you are doing to this State.**

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