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To: SDNRAIDC

Subject: A Submission to the Veg. Management & Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

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Dear Committee Secretary, Following is a submission arguing against this bill. It would appear that the limited time to lodge a submission will severely restrict the ability of many primary producers from making one. It would have been seen as much more democratic to allow more time to do so in the interests of fairness. It would appear that various environmental groups set the agenda on this subject and the Government falls into line. This opinion would be shared by quite a few Queenslanders. The self assessable codes introduced by the LNP have assisted the owners of freehold land to do much needed remedial action to their properties. Land owners are quite capable of fixing problems as they are encountered in their own time without unnecessary red tape whilst protecting their most valuable asset, their land. The guidelines are straight forward and should remain unchanged. The change of category X to category C is an unnecessary impost and will render a lot of land incapable of continuing to be practically used, and maintained as in the past, particularly on the Atherton Tablelands. Fear of doing the wrong thing will make it very difficult to control weeds etc. When the ability to manage property is impacted by new laws, proper monetary compensation should be paid. If peoples land rights and income are forfeited for the perceived benefit of all then they should be compensated. It appears that this principal does not fit in with socialist ideas. I ask how many of the socialist persuasion would like their inner city homes and back yards treated in this way. The new amendments go much further than reinstatement, and when the Government is changed it is inevitable that they will be changed again, and on and on it goes. More uncertainty, the city, country divide deepens. It makes good sense to leave them as they are as they are working. Thank you for the opportunity, Paul Gordon Eddleston.