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Dear Premier and SDNRAIDC Committee

I write to express my opposition to proposed changes to the Vegetation Management Act that will make it harder for farmers to grow food.

We are grain farmers in the Mt McLaren district of Clermont.
We grow wheat, corn, sorghum and chickpeas and mung beans.

Years ago we purchased properties and developed them to produce cereals and grain crops and to produce beef for Queensland, visitors, Australians and for export. We have increased the value of our assets, looked after ourselves financially without any government handouts, provided employment for many and supported hundreds of other businesses.
We have contributed to the economic cycle in a significant way.

If these changes are made to the ACT the value of land and assets will decline for all agricultural production.

The backbone of the state will be crippled and this state of Queensland will become unattractive to investment, tourism and the economy will flounder.

We manage our land so we are here for the long term, self sufficient and not relying on the government to help us out.

We use our land in a sustainable way so that it will be productive for the generations to come.

If these changes to the act are made law then we cant manage our land sustainably:-If we are no longer able to manage our land by clearing regrowth, thinning selectively, keep it free of encroachment and thickening and maintenance of the cleared cultivation for production of crops, then this will mean we cant produce the food that you and every other citizen in our country requires and desires.

Where are you going to get all this produce from, import it from overseas?

How much will it cost you then?

How safe is it? Deadly chemicals are still in use in overseas countries can you guarantee it is GMO free? no

How does this affect our states balance of trade? significantly for the negative.

Our family , all those families we provide employment to, all those businesses that we support will no longer be viable, and we will all be in the line up for welfare and financial

support.

Does your government wish to spend more on welfare?

My farm provides for my family and kids as well as employment for 10 families, this means 12 children for the school in Clermont, \$600,000 of wages spent in the local town, with flow on effects.

Queensland farmers care about their land and have been growing safe, healthy, affordable food for generations, so why do you want to make their jobs more difficult?

With consumer demand for our great food and fibre higher than ever, why do you want to stop new sustainable agricultural development?

Our food is too important to be caught up in politics Premier.

Please re-think your flawed laws and work with farmers to deliver good outcomes for both agriculture and the environment.

The future of Queensland depends on it.

Regards,
Thomas Mifsud