

SUBMISSION BY ARTHUR AND VANESSA BAMBLING**Vegetation Management
and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018**

1. As our property has been in the family for nearly 100 years. Much of our past management has not been taken into account and given due respect to the healthy sustainable operation we currently have. For example, there were large areas ringbarked by axe in the 1930s and 40s which has experience woodland thickening and is unfortunately mapped as remnant and now we cannot manage the vegetation on those areas to the extent of healthy ecosystem balance between nature and production. There is no mechanism in the vegetation management laws to management this in a sustainable manner. The fact that it was cleared by axe treatment (not dozers but selective ringbarking) and we have proof of this in aerial photographs we should be able to redevelop this area of land that is sustainable into the future, for the health of the forest flora and fauna and running in conjunction with beef cattle to feed people.
2. Please refer to the accepted development code for Managing thickening vegetation 5.3.2 Chemical methods point 3. Chemical application is NOT permitted within 5 metres of the trunk of a mature tree, habitat tree or tall immature tree. As a third-generation axe man who has chemically injected trees for thinning purposes for maintaining healthy forests I personally have had over 40 years' experience of this action, observation and review of this management procedure. I can unequivocally state that the product of TORDON will not affect neighbouring trees within 5metres.
3. It is essential that PMAVS remain in place to provide protection of our working asset for the betterment of Queensland's future.
4. The Forestry Code of Practice is very successful and it really does strive for a healthy native forest.
5. There wasn't enough time allowed for people who were affected by this legislation to gather data. More time should have been allowed for submissions to be returned.
6. The only meeting for SEQ was in Brisbane. There should have been a regional meeting in Toowoomba or Kingaroy.

First and foremost, we are Natural Resource Managers and for three generations its always been our aim to look after the environment and have a practical balance between this and beef production and Silver culture. We have had several leading consultants tell us we have very healthy range lands and carry out our operation in a sustainable manner. It is with this recommendation that we ask you to acknowledge our submission and value our contribution.

Yours truthfully, Arthur and Vanessa Bambling.