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Any change to leasehold land eligible development will drive up secure freehold land values as has happened in earlier changes. any restrictions on being able to tend to land development or regrowth control has a very high cost due to a limited window . Eg ,to wet to dry, wrong time of year. all these examples have a huge bearing on regrowth control and its success to have a longer period of keeping it under control. Waiting for approvals can often cost you one more year before the application can be applied ,thus costing you in lost productivity. Any changes to high productivity land and irrigation will have a huge impact on productivity to the rural sector as most of these types of land uses are supporting rural towns and keeps them sustainable. Any restriction on being able to sustain your land has a negative affect on investment due to time to achieve development and productivity ,eg RED TAPE. This legislation also has a huge bearing on capitol growth and land security.

**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.
- The purpose for High Value Agriculture and Irrigated High Value Agriculture will be removed.

Describe the impacts the changes will make to stall agriculture, discourage investment, and increase costs and time to manage vegetation.

Signed:

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