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Committee Secretary
State Development, Natural Resources
and Agricultural Industry Development Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Committee Secretary,

I would like to strongly protest about the proposed changes to Vegetation Management Laws

My husband & I have a property in the Gladstone Region. We purchased this 850 acre property 11 years ago to breed cattle after selling our farm in South Australia.

We actually purchased our property knowing we have some areas that we would never plan to clear as we wanted to enjoy the diversity that we have in our block of land but need to know that we will be able to make decisions which is best for our property's farming future.

We are not looking to clear our property we are looking to be able to manage our asset and our future. We have invested time and money into our farm with improvements to make the cleared land more viable with planting new pastures, fencing, good dams and watering points and other improvements.

We have a creek through our property and in 2012 we worked alongside Burnett Mary Regional Group to fence along this creek to improve ground cover in the area adjacent to the creek and reduce sediment loss from our property. We have fenced our cattle out of the creek; we installed new watering points in the form of troughs and poly pipe fed by a tank and pump. We have in a sense given up 23ha of land to do our bit to protect the reef, the waterways and riparian zones with the view that we are here to do the best with our land for future generations. This was a cost to us.

I have down loaded the latest DNRm report and maps for our property & see that even though we have a PMAV with locked in category X the Proposed Regulated Vegetation Management Map has reduced some areas of category X and have made those areas category C and some spots of category R. Right at my house it appears to have become Category C area containing endangered regional ecosystem & high value regrowth, I think we farmers are the endangered ones with this legislation.

We have invested so much into our property and if this legislation does go through I well believe our property will drop in value significantly due to the loss of the rights of the landowner to control what they do with their land. I am deeply concerned for our future.

Yours Sincerely,
Bronwynne Barnes

