

**Water Legislation Amendment Bill 2022**

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**Submitter Comments:**

As a private landowner within The Brisbane City Council area, we are fortunate to live on 5 Acres on which there is a small dam. We do not run livestock on this property, and only use the water within the dam for watering the garden. We do not have a metered water supply to this property. We are already charged an annual licensing fee for the perceived privilege of having this dam. Almost all our neighbors have dams and whilst they are essentially collecting overland flow, they play a critical role in reducing possible flooding of our area and in turn downstream at the Leslie Harrison dam. This Bill is just another revenue-making stream proposed by parliament and imposes unnecessary additional costs on landholders just to prepare a management plan to justify the use of water. The government does not contribute in any way to maintain these private dams, yet appear via this bill to want to charge for the water used or why else would you want to measure the draw off? Why do you need a management plan to tell you the only way to measure the water used from the dam is via a meter. Once a meter is installed, it will allow the government to start charging for water use for which they have made no financial contribution to in the first place. This is just another tax on small landowners. I can understand this bill being appropriate where people are drawing water from aquifers for commercial gain, however it does not make sense to impose such costs on small landowners like myself who derive no income from the dam. You do not require a management plan, just install water meters on any water takeoff points from such dams.