

Question on Notice

No. 1549

Asked on 10 December 2025

MR S KNUTH asked the Minister for Primary Industries (HON A PERRETT)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the passing of the Federal Environment Protection Reform Bill 2025, which industry groups warn will significantly increase regulatory and financial burdens on Queensland's agriculture, forestry, fishing and mining sectors, restrict broadscale land use and further compromise domestic food production—

Will the Minister advise what action the Queensland Government is taking to protect Queensland primary producers and resource industries from the impacts of these federal reforms, including whether the government will seek amendments or repeal of provisions that override Queensland's land management responsibilities and impose additional constraints on production?

ANSWER:

I have very serious concerns about the Federal Government's reforms as mentioned by the Member.

The Federal Government's reforms to the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cwth) were rushed through Federal Parliament without proper and adequate consultation with State and Territory Governments and impacted stakeholders. These changes will have significant implications for Queensland primary production and forestry sectors.

I wrote to Senator the Honourable Murray Watt, Minister for Environment and Water, regarding the Queensland Government's concerns with the reforms prior to the passing of the Bill.

I have since written to the Honourable Julie Collins, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, reiterating the Queensland Government's concerns and requesting the Australian Government now engage with jurisdictions to address these critical issues, including through an urgent meeting of the Forestry Ministers Meeting.