

To the Senate Inquiry regarding Native Vegetation Laws,

We would like to raise a number of concerns regarding the Queensland *Native Vegetation Act 1999* and its effect on our enterprise. These include:

- The loss of freehold rights regarding native vegetation
- No long term compensation
- Loss of carbon rights
- The removal of our ability to sustainably develop our land
- Restrains our ability to expand our business for future generations

We agree that there is a need for some form of native vegetation regulation however this needs assessed on a per holding basis as opposed to a whole catchment based approach. This would mean that responsible landholders are not penalized for retaining native vegetation under the assumption that with freehold tenure, this could have been cleared at any time in the future.

Regards,

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