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

Dear Dr Dewar

Re: Vegetation Management (Clearing for Relevant Purposes) Amendment Bill 2018

AgForce is the peak rural group representing the majority of beef, sheep & wool and grain producers in Queensland. The broadacre beef, sheep and grains industries in Queensland generated around \$8.2 billion in gross farm-gate value of production in 2016-17. AgForce exists to facilitate the long-term growth, viability, competitiveness and profitability of these industries. Our members provide high-quality food and fibre products to Australian and overseas consumers, manage around 42 per cent of the Queensland agricultural landscape and contribute significantly to the social fabric of rural and remote communities.

The following submission will respond to the Vegetation Management (Clearing for Relevant Purposes) Amendment Bill 2018. AgForce supports the growth and prosperity of rural and regional Queensland, which includes advocating on behalf of members for developing and managing resources on their properties to enable sustainable long-term production of ecological, production, social and economic outcomes. The current drought across Queensland and also New South Wales highlights the need for landholders to be able to develop their properties to be able to stabilize income streams, prepare for meeting protein deficiencies in dry times as well as improve flexibility of when animals can be prepared for market.

AgForce asks the Queensland Government to contemplate the recommendations made in the submission attached and is available to meet at your convenience to further discuss our concerns. Inquiries should be directed in the first instance to Dr Greg Leach, Senior Policy Advisor on (07) 3236 3100.

Yours sincerely,


Michael Guerin
AgForce Chief Executive Officer

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