



Vegetation Management

OBJECTIVE

To secure a sensible and sustainable long-term vegetation management framework for Queensland that provides certainty for farmers allowing them to effectively manage their business.

POSITION

CANEGROWERS is of the view that the current framework forms a solid foundation for cane growing and agricultural production in Queensland. Current legislation permits minor clearing under self-assessable codes, while large scale clearing is permitted subject to development approval under the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 (Qld).

In recent years, Queensland farmers have been threatened with the removal of High Value Agriculture (HVA) and High Value Irrigated Agricultural (HVIA) land provisions. These are legitimate reasons for precise and considered management of vegetation and should be maintained. Their removal is fundamentally against the interests of members wanting to use the provisions to sustainably grow or better manage their business.

ISSUES

- Uncertainty surrounding vegetation management law inhibits growers from planning to expand their business.

ACTIONS

- Stabilise Queensland's vegetation management framework including the provisions for High Value Agriculture and High Value Irrigated Agricultural land, the self-assessable clearing codes, and provide incentives for proactive management.
- Create policy in consultation with key industry stakeholders. ■

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