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The EPA's responsibility is to protect the "environment" not make it easier/faster/more efficient to impact it.

I began this submission by looking at the amendments individually but soon realised that the basic thrust of it was to speed up the land clearing rather than make its protection the primary thrust.

Hence in principle my comments on the amendments are that they will do nothing more than what is already in place regarding environmental protection and what is required are amendments that focus more on justification to clear rather than how to clear.

Years ago Monty House the then minister for Agriculture tried to introduce a bill that required shires to have a percentage of remnant vegetation. This would be a good start for the current Act as it places an upper limit on clearing. Please stop leaving doors open for clearing as the end product is obvious.

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