



**Hon Stephen Robertson MP**  
Member for Stretton



**Queensland  
Government**

**Minister for Natural Resources and  
Minister for Mines**

Mr N J Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
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Dear Mr Laurie 

I refer to your letter of 2 April 2003 forwarding a copy of a petition lodged in the Queensland Legislative Assembly, requesting the House to amend the *Vegetation Management Act 2000* and the *Land Act 1994* to implement a rapid phase out of land clearing in Queensland.

The Queensland and Commonwealth Governments are currently negotiating with stakeholders about a joint package to address current rates of clearing. The initiative proposes to phase out all broadscale clearing of remnant vegetation, and provide up to \$150M to assist landholders and ensure a sustainable future for Queensland.

In the meantime the Queensland and Commonwealth Governments have agreed to place a temporary halt on accepting new applications to clear remnant vegetation while the package is being finalised. The legislation to give force to the halt on receiving applications was passed by the Queensland Parliament on Thursday 30 May 2003, and is retrospective from midday 16 May 2003.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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