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LNP to deliver fair and balanced landscape laws

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An LNP Government will review and reform Queensland's landscape management laws to support more regional jobs and protect the state's valuable eco-systems.

LNP Leader Deb Frecklington said her aim was to restore balance to Labor's flawed laws, allowing Queensland to both improve food security and create more jobs for young people growing up in the bush.

"The LNP's plan for Queensland will support our regions by building the New Bradfield Scheme and developing water infrastructure projects across our state," Ms Frecklington said.

"I want Queensland to produce more food and fibre to make our country less reliant on overseas imports and create more jobs here at home.

"But the Palaszczuk Labor Government's unfair and unworkable anti-farmer laws have hurt agriculture and destroyed jobs in our regions.

"That's why the LNP is committed to reviewing and reforming Labor's laws.

"The LNP will restore balance to our laws and deliver a long-term, sensible environmental landscape management policy for all Queenslanders."

LNP Shadow Minister for Natural Resources Dale Last said an LNP Government would launch the consultation process within its first 30 days, with the intention of delivering the review's findings by mid-2021.

Mr Last said an LNP Government's approach would be based on:

- Providing certainty of process to encourage investment
- Acknowledging and accommodating Queensland's diverse and varied biodiverse ecological regions
- Restoring sensible property rights for landholders
- Supporting regional economic development, jobs and food security
- Considering the impacts of drought, bushfires and flooding

"If elected in October an incoming LNP Government will work with all agricultural, community and environmental stakeholders throughout this review," Mr Last said.

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“This will ensure our vitally-important environmental assets are protected, while allowing new jobs to be created in agriculture.

“These laws will fix the issues farmers have faced around harvesting fodder during this devastating drought, as well as supporting landholders in undertaking appropriate bushfire mitigation activities.”

Mr Last said the review would address a number of specific issues of concern to farmers, including:

- Administrative accountability from government departments
- Restoring sensible ‘right to enter’ requirements to protect landholder property rights
- A sensible definition of high-value regrowth vegetation
- Opportunities for considered and economically significant agricultural development
- The development of a Landscape Restoration Code
- The re-establishment of mulga and fodder area management plans with balanced self-assessable codes
- Improving the quality of vegetation mapping in Queensland
- The development of common-sense laws to allow for appropriate bushfire mitigation clearing

“Only an LNP Government will introduce balanced laws that secure the future of farmers and regional communities,” Ms Frecklington said.

“Only the LNP has a plan to stimulate the economy, create a decade of secure jobs and drag Queensland out of this recession.”

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