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**From:** Barbara Linley [REDACTED]  
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**To:** LLS Policy Mailbox  
**Subject:** Re fencing and land clearing!

To whom it may concern,

I am a farmer from Victoria and recently bought land up in the Clarence Valley. I am amazed at how little locals are concerned about the uniqueness of the Clarence valley and its amazing biodiversity. It seems to be taken for granted yet there are a number of endangered species present I'm sure you have numerous submissions so I'm concentrating briefly on three issues.

1. If farmers could be paid biodiversity credits to maintain trees especially old ones this would make a huge difference to land clearing. I see areas cleared and in many situations it's such poor farming country!
- 2.. When fencing there is absolutely no need to have such a wide area either side of the new boundary fence. 3 -5 metre would be totally adequate and Old growth trees need to be maintained. That's what I've done and a tractor can freely move it her side of the fence line.
3. I'm also doing cool burning ( cultural) and this method certainly needs to be encouraged. This will be my third year

Kind Regards,

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