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Yesterday the Minister for the Environment introduced the Environmental Protection (Great Barrier Reef Protection Measures) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 into Parliament.

In the near future, submissions into this legislation will open and I encourage you to make your voice heard. As the details come to hand, I will provide you with an update. I have highlighted the flaws of this legislation in the following Media Release that was

issued today.

MEDIA RELEASE

Palaszczuk and Enoch seek to make primary production extinct: LAST

The Palaszczuk government's proposed changes to the Environmental Protection Act threatens the future of primary production in North Queensland and, according to Member for Burdekin and Shadow Minister for North Queensland, Dale Last, is yet another example of "buck passing".

The Environmental Protection (Great Barrier Reef Protection Measures) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 was introduced to parliament yesterday by the Minister for the Environment, Leeanne Enoch; just a day before the release of an Auditor-General's report that highlights the failings of the government's environmental credentials.

"Minister Enoch's amendments are nothing but an attempt to make farmers and graziers in Queensland suffer because her government is incompetent," Mr Last said.

"Again we have seen this government attack the men and women on the land, and regional Queensland as a whole, instead of the government doing the job they need to do."

"The Minister wants to shut down law abiding primary producers when, according to the Auditor-General, her own government failed when it came to protecting the reef, with her government relying on models, not real results."

"Leeanne Enoch and Annastacia Palaszczuk demonise our farmers and graziers whenever they get the chance but it is their government that can't run the Reef Water Quality Program."

"This government is happy to send primary producers broke but the same government does nothing while over 40% of the catchments are not even monitored for run off or sediment."

Mr Last said that, like previous legislation, the changes were designed to punish regional Queensland for the failings of the government.

"We've seen the same thing with Vegetation Management and changes to the Commercial Fishing Industry," Mr Last said. "If you live in Regional Queensland this government will use you as a scapegoat."

"The Palaszczuk government has turned its back on farmers time and time again and it's Queenslanders that will pay the price with more expensive food and lost jobs."

"Queensland has a proud history of primary producers that provide the best food and fibre in the world but this government is happy to destroy generations of work while they play political games and pander to green groups."

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