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Great Barrier Reef Study
Productivity Commission
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Dear Sir,

Re: Industries in the Great Barrier Reef Catchment and Measures to
Address Declining Water Quality

It is disappointing to note that the importance of introduced or sown pastures in maintaining stability in at least some catchment areas was not address in the report. The Atherton Tableland provides a present example of better stability under exotic pasture than existed under rainforest. More pasture species will be needed to maintain this stability in the medium to long term.

Yours sincerely,

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