

To whom it may concern

I would like to put forward a submission on showing how the impact of native vegetation laws, have affected us greatly over the last 13 years.

These laws have :

- * Caused reduction in land values through a non willingness to finance from financial institutions.
- * Inhibited routine management of vegetation regrowth and thickening.
- * They prevent the change of land use.
- * Inhibit management of weeds and vermon.
- * Prevents the expansion of agricultural activities.
- * Caused great reduction of our contracting business.
- * Caused a great deal of family stress both mentally and physically.
- * Due to unwarranted fines and remediation our progression on the land has decreased greatly.
- * Due to the massive increase of thickening timber and noxious weeds the native pastures have not been able to survive or compete.
- * Delays in processing due to bickering between CMA and Compliance Officers have completely stopped our responsible improvement program.
- * Created conflict with Workcover due to unsafe work areas.
- * These laws have had a dramatic effect on our local town and community (lack of jobs)

If compensation is to be paid it needs to be paid on an individual basis not regionalised. Compensation must be valued on improved rates as these laws have stopped us from improving our land. It would be preferable to not be paid compensation and allow our family to do what we have been doing for the last 120 years on this land.

Sincerely

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