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**THE SENATE FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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From:

**SUBMISSION**

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I have an approximate 1600 acre farm south west from Inverell, I have for many years preserved large areas with great stands of white box, apple, gum, stringy bark, iron bark etc. In amongst some other Australian natives of significant value.

As a lot of the trees were here before 1990 they have no value under the current Acts and no Stewardship Schemes is available except the controversial tender system which seems a recent Government strategy to lock up big tracts of good environmental land without paying reasonably for it.

With a large frontage to Myall Creek it does annoy me to see grants given for obscure nearly unrelated projects (even sand out of creeks).

No interest is shown by CMA in our woodyweed problems (Dodonaea-Hop Bush) or the socio-economic circumstances, the difficulty of developing even parts of our properties to keep up with high farm input costs.

So the impact of native vegetation laws has certainly affected the value and management of this farm, for the worse.

Productivity of our land across the region's landscapes has played a very minor roll, with most current policy not looking at anything but wall to wall regrowth and ultimately unproductive timber. Here we already have a huge carbon resource, but can gain no credit.

Good luck with the Inquiry.

Bob Moore