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I would like the Senate to take into consideration the impact the Native Vegetation Laws have on the farming community.

Land that has been previously farmed should be let farm. All land should be managed even forestland. Overgrowth stunts plants. Any land that is not farmed, the landholder should be compensated. As it stands, land we have the value increased, which increases our rates yet we receive no income from that land. We should be able to receive an income from carbon credits or the government should rent that land from us (although that would be our taxes paying for it). Carbon trading will not help reduce carbon. Clean production is the only way to reduce carbon.

Glenice Douglas 5/3/2010