

**Submission to the Finance and Public Administration Inquiry into
the Native Vegetation Act.**

Our family own and operate two properties near _____ in northern New South Wales. We followed Peter Spencer's plight when he sat up the pole for more than 50 days, and we supported him all the way. Restrictions on land clearing is not democracy. It treats farmers like little children as though they are unable to look after their land. Can you imagine Grace Bros being told they cannot use part of their shop to sell goods, even though they pay rates on it? That's exactly what farmers are being told to do.

It is wrong and is just keeping officious people in jobs. It is hard enough to make a living now with seasonal conditions, disgraceful commodity prices and all the red tape we must go through.

We support all farmers in their fight against land restrictions. Its about time we stood up to these ridiculous rules.

The Stewart Family