

Submission to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee.

This submission is on behalf of my family who believe we have been adversely effected by

Native Vegetation Laws.

We have a 172 acre property zoned out of our control. We cannot use our property for gain and as a result cannot afford to maintain fire breaks on our 4 klms. of boundary. In the event of a bush fire we do not have the option to leave as large trees line local council roads.

Visions of the Victorian fires show that not to be an option.

Our property adjoins State Forestry land which has not had a controlled burn for over 15 years.

My family lives in fear due to these laws and believes our property worthless on the market.

This property was to be handed on to our seven sons to at least have a place to build and live.

Public figures have claimed the benefits of these laws to the reduction of green house gasses

Without acknowledging the people whose rights have been taken nor compensating them for the loss.

We believed our freehold title gave us the right to enjoy our holding without let or hindrance.

We have no idea how compensation should be set. All we see is our DNR valuations and our rates rising.

All this on our now unsaleable land.

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