

Submission to Native Vegetation Laws, Greenhouse Gas Abatement and Climate Change Matters

1(a) Productivity to be protected at all costs. The food crisis is here, any attempts to reduce production of food and fibre, for any reason, could be likened to genocide.

(b) Compensation should be linked to the affected land in perpetuity. An amount of money paid to the affected land every year. It should be linked to rates so that as valuation goes up so does the compensation.

(c) Has to be done on a long term arrangement not tied to the electoral cycle. Valuation done on unimproved value plus the highest value that the land could achieve if allowed to be developed to its full potential.

(d) Biodiversity. Areas that are normally semi open should not be allowed to be over run with trees etc (mulga deserts where the mulga trees have thickened and excluded all other vegetation.)

How could anyone justify massive monoculture plantations of trees etc to enable them to have a couple of hundred jobs in the Aluminium industry (Alcoa Vic). What are the trade offs for more massive extinctions from monocultures of native fauna and flora to satisfy a flawed model.

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