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Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee Parliament House Canberra ACT

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Senate Review – Vegetation Laws

In this area of central southern Queensland, uncleared timber country is worth approximately \$108 per hectare and cleared and improved country is worth approximately \$720 per hectare.

The native vegetation laws has seen the cessation of potential future development for increased production to sustain a rapidly increasing world population and also reduced potential of land asset value increases.

The new laws have reduced individual property potential earnings and left land managers forced to carry the burden of political decisions driven by uninformed and shortsighted people pushing the environmentalism barrow and in many cases no compensation.

Australia is such a lucky country that the majority are so spoilt that we can't even look after our own as witnessed by Kevin Rudd's carbon pollution reduction scheme – minimal reduction in pollution and increase our costs of production and make us less competitive on the world stage.

As far as climate change goes, regardless of what has been said & written about it; some true and some not so true; it would be great to reduce our emissions and waste but our biggest gain will be by reducing the rate of population growth – otherwise we will eventually self destruct – just like a rat or a mouse plague does now!

Yours faithfully,

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