

SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO NATIVE VEGETATION LAWS, GREENHOUSE GAS ABATEMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE MEASURES.

To; Senate standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration.

From Peter Wright

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the Senate enquiry.

We run a cattle grazing and feedlot on the Western Downs region. During the 1980's we were fortunate to be able to improve our property to make it viable without destroying all the native vegetation. Many shade lines and marsupial corridors were left to enable the traffic of native animals through and around our property as well as supplying shade for our domestic animals. While this comes at a great expense we feel we are doing this as good corporate citizens.

We have gone into cell grazing to improve our pastures and eradicate any potential erosion that occurs. The cost to us for this exercise alone was approximate \$200,000.

This proposed legislation will curtail all prospects of managing erosion. It is often necessary to thin timber to allow ground cover grasses to establish and reduce soil movement and subsequent erosion. While we all want vegetation it must be managed or it has the ability to do more harm than good for the country.

We need to have practical access to our timbered areas for the maintenance of fence lines, contour banks and general thinning when required. These areas must not be closed to the graziers who control them. They are within areas where we pay rates and rent and where we are required, and do, look after for our fellow citizens.

SOLUTION

If it is considered that the individual grazier is incapable to manage his own property reliably then maybe a group of graziers in the area should be nominated to inspect, the areas to reduced or cleared without a whole lot of red tape

As I understand, it is envisaged that we as graziers are not to be compensated or paid for the carbon, etc that is being stored or in timber that already exists. As landholders we for many years, have paid rates and rent on these areas, managed them for Australian citizens and looked after them reliably. I therefore consider that all Australian citizens should pay compensation for these areas.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Wright