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Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: VEGETATION MANAGEMENT LAWS

I would like to take this opportunity to raise my concerns about the Vegetation Management Laws, as it affects my Cattle Operation. I have one holding which is immensely affected. This particular area could once run approximately 170 breeders, however currently, under the present law, I can only run about 80 breeders on it. There is only about 10% of land on this holding which can be cleared and maintained to a degree that allows the cattle to graze efficiently.

This country is freehold and the cost of the freeholding was paid out, so more area could be cleared to return the number of cattle back to where they were before the laws were changed, as the way they are now make it very difficult to operate a viable property.

Due to there being no compensation of any kind available to me, I think the government should pay compensation for the lost income and the devaluation of the market value of the property, should I decide to sell it.

There are some areas on my property I would not want to clear, and I pledge my support for some land to be left in its natural state, as I am aware that in some circumstances too much land was been cleared. It is important that somewhere between Government Laws and Landholder rights a "happy medium" need to be amicably reached!

Please help the landowners – we need your support, because if we cannot control timber regrowth, our land will become useless and the farming operations unviable for our generation and the future generations.

It is unfortunate that it appears at present State and Federal Governments, do not support or care about the rural sector – which makes up a large percentage of Australia.

Yours faithfully