

SUBMISSION TO SENATE INQUIRY

I am a 57year old grazier and have been farming since leaving school. I am qualified to talk about sustainable land management as this is my path on my property. I am feeding the nation very efficiently. I voice my concerns regarding the draconian Native Vegetation (land clearing) Laws and Greenhouse gas Abatement and Climate Change Laws that could destroy Australia's rural sector.

I question why the government has not acted upon the 2004 Productivity Commissions Inquiry Report on 'Native Vegetation and Biodiversity Regulations'. I feel this report mirrors this inquiry with regards to biodiversity and land management.

I have completed my vegetation management maps some 5 years ago and I am still not certain if my land is safe from government laws. We as farmers require security over our land, and laws to protect our underground water from contamination from outside activities.

I am angry at the government's waste of public monies on endless inquiries and absolutely frustrated with government's indecision regarding our agricultural industry and my future. I charge this inquiry to be proactive and to keep nature functioning for farmers of the future.

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