



6 December 2019

Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Via email: legcon.sen@aph.gov.au

Dear Committee Secretary

Re: NFF Submission to Native Title Amendment Bill 2019 [Provisions]

The National Farmers' Federation (NFF) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the inquiry into the provisions of the *Native Title Amendment Bill 2019*.

The NFF previously provided a submission to both ETAG and the Attorney-General's Department exposure drafts of the *Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2018*, noting the following amendments presented in 9 schedules:

- Schedule 1 - The Role of the Applicant
- Schedule 2 - Indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs)
- Schedule 3 – Historical Extinguishment
- Schedule 4 – Allowing a registered native title body corporate to bring a compensation action.
- Schedule 5 – Intervention and Consent Determinations
- Schedule 6 – Objections
- Schedule 7 – The National Native Title Tribunal
- Schedule 8 – National Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate
- Schedule 9 – Just Terms Compensation

The NFF noted Schedules 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 and particularly responded to Schedule number 3 which we believe amounts to a vehicle that will undermine certainty and needs to be examined far more rigorously from a policy perspective. The NFF's position has not changed.

The NFF notes minor amendments in the legislative text of Schedule in the current Bill compared to the then text. Many of the concerns raised by the NFF have not been reflected and thus, the NFF re-submits its previous submission which has been attached for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive Officer