

To the

NATIVE VEGETATION LAWS, GREENHOUSE GAS ABATEMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGES MEASURES

My Submission.

I have been a land holder for over 55 years and my property is free hold and it has come to the stage where I worry about what I can do and what I can't do, as the Government is about to impose the Native Vegetation Act and the way it is being implemented.

We the farmer has been asked to shoulder an unfair share of the burden of maintaining native vegetation and reducing the nation's greenhouse gases with no compensation, at a time when governments are cutting back on natural resource funding and the energy sector was actually increasing its emissions. Conditions change from all different parts of Australia year by year and how anyone who brings in laws without the local knowledge of these areas. To stop the property owners from looking after their land would be a disaster as to leave the land unattended there will be uncontrollable weeds and the erosion will become a big problem.

Over the years our property has been improved through good management with resting our land and alternating our farming land practices for pasture, grain and fodder. Now our land value rates have gone up 100% to the last valuation not to mention our productivity on our farm are being hit with low prices for our product and high expenses for our upkeep of the farm. With all these laws that have been put upon us, it is not fair to us who have contributed to this country over the many years.

We put in dams and water bores at our expense to water our stock and native animals and birds also to stop erosion. It's a pity that the Green Movement are always ready to down the farmer any chance they get.

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