

A Submission to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to make a submission to the Native Vegetation Senate Inquiry as the legislation impacts enormously on my property, eroding property rights and right to private ownership. The impacts are;

- 1) More than 200 acres of my 600 acre property is growing remnant rainforest which I can no longer use as removal of native rainforest trees under the legislation is illegal.
- 2) This forested land is now of no use to me – the use has been taken over by the State Government WITHOUT any compensation.
- 3) The reasons given for the above take over of my private property is that it is for the public benefit – surely any fair minded person would argue that the public should pay – don't expect me (a private person) to bear the full and on going cost.
- 4) The forested area has made management of my property extremely difficult thus reducing the value of my whole farm.
- 5) The value of the forested area has been reduced to almost nothing as this area under present regulation will never produce anything but will be a harbour for feral animals and weeds.
- 6) My farm has now become unviable – as any agro business advisor would tell you; you need to use every available hectare to survive this depressed rural economy.
- 7) My forests sequester large amounts of carbon however there has been no credit or value given to the huge benefit this has been to the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme and in particular Australia's ability meet the Kyoto requirements. Thanks for nothing!!!!

Thankyou for be opportunity to put my case to the Senate Enquiry.

In the hope of a just outcome.

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