

Hi, I'm sending this submission at the 11th hour, so it is brief:

The introduction of Vegetation Management Laws by the QLD Govt. had a major effect on many landholders. There was a compensation scheme introduced, but it was only token compensation and had significant strings attached. It did not go anywhere near being able to compensate for the true diminution in market value that impacted land that could no longer be cleared or improved under the VM laws. Large tracts of freehold country were effectively locked up. Landholders had paid prices for this country based on the ability to improve the country for valuable agricultural production only to see their considerable investments devalued by a piece of legislation that offered grossly inadequate compensation.

It is supposed to be the right of an Australian citizen to be offered fair and just compensation where their rights are taken away from them by Government under the Constitution. This principle should apply equally when State Laws suddenly take away citizens rights.

Yours faithfully