

We would like our names and address withheld and kept confidential. Thank you.

This is a submission to the inquiry in regards to the Native Vegetation laws and how they impact on us

- We are land owners not land holders.
- The vegetation laws have had an impact on our earning capacity. Due to the regulations, we aren't allowed to expand our productive land to increase our stock to offset the low prices we are getting for our produce.
- The vegetation laws and their regulations can be directly linked to family break ups. The stress that farmers face everyday can be contributed to the worry and fear of prosecution that is always held over our heads.
- The maps that the CMA's use are inaccurate. Weeds and rubbish have been mapped as old growth.
- There is no respect shown to the farming community from any level of government.
- Most farms around our way need an off farm income to survive. All the money they make is poured back into the land.

The government should acknowledge our property rights, our right to fee simple. It is as easy as that - we bought it - we work it - we own it.

Regards