

Submission

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For thousands of years our land has been farmed of its renewable resources by people and animals. We now have Dept of Climate Change and Environment compliance officers who police the Native Vegetation Act who are not there for environmental and conservation outcomes. It is to get political outcomes through intimidation and fear tactics which is traumatizing people and destroying biodiversity and renewable resources and good management of the environment we must preserve.

Our family on 10000 hectares have had the experiences of this harassment hacking up areas and shutting down good management with the use of these covenants on land title destroys much biodiversity and renewable resources go on a downward spiral of low soil fertility poor plant variety and distribution and the endangered species do disappear as there is no food chain to support them I have witnessed this with the regrowth uncontrolled and the invasive native scrub becomes dominant

The Dept of Environment and Climate Change compliance officers are destroying positive outcomes because of their political agenda and ignoring people and environmental outcomes as in the charter of Catchment Management Authority of Western Lands Commission Even the Legislation Act says we

must maintain and improve environmental outcomes and biodiversity. The compliance officers from D.E.C. are answerable to only the political masters their ministers.

My personal experience was the Milobrenn society flew over on a Wednesday, the next day compliance officers from Dubbo contacted me about illegal clearing.

There was not one acre over my licence I told the compliance officer so he had my licences in front of him and he knew.

The Minister Ian McDonald wanted a scold as instructions came from him.

Have these people looked at the consequences of their actions on the people and biodiversity by their subversive actions. When political decisions are made about the environment the environment loses out.

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