

Submission to Inquiry into Native Vegetation Laws, Greenhouse Gas Abatement and Climate Change Measures.

To: Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

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BACKGROUND:

I am from a non farming background and have chosen to join my partner on his farm on the Haystack Plain. Having learnt about the lifestyle and how precious the land we farm is, I can see how important it is worldwide to ensure our greatest farm land is solely used for growing much needed grain.

SUBMISSION:

Here, where we live, we are fortunate to have some of the most productive and fertile land for growing grain in all of Queensland maybe even Australia.

Protecting our most prestigious land for future generations should be high on our priority list as there is plenty of less useable and inferior land which may be better suited for establishing and maintaining natural vegetation.

Prime grain growing land is continually intruded by tree roots competing with our growing crops on the perimeters producing a failed crop along the tree lines time and time again. Not to mention the feral animals feeding off our crops at the landholders expense.

We are expected to pay our annual rates sometimes on parts of our freehold land that is totally useless to us, due to native vegetation laws, and are also expected to control noxious weeds and pests.

I believe allowing the land holder that owns prime land useful in the survival of our grain grown in this area, should be considered for exemption when deciding on future legislation.