

Submission to senate committee enquiry into Native vegetation Laws, Greenhouse Gas Abatement and climate measures.

The property my family owns has unrestricted freehold title on parts of it and I believe that this means that I own the timber that is growing on this land, which also means that I own the carbon that is held in this timber. On converting the balance of my land from "Conditional purchase to freehold the lands department advised me that I was buying the rights to the timber.

The Native vegetation act not only removed all of this timber from my control without paying for it, it also facilitated the Federal Governments ability to use my trees to satisfy the nations Kyoto Protocol commitments in relation to carbon emission reductions. Both the State and federal Governments are benefiting from the removal of my asset for their Gain without paying me for the asset. This legislation has in fact devalued my land asset to a significant level without compensation.