

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

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Premise 1: That vegetation in tropical and subtropical Australia will require assiduous thinning and pulling if Australia's clean and green food and fibre production is to continue.

Premise 2 : Primary industry business viability is based on current and potential carrying capacity.

Premise 3: Carrying capacity and business viability will decline exponentially if current laws are held in place, and regrowth vegetation on freehold and leasehold land remains in the province of politicized decision making, not sustainable free enterprise management practices.

Premise 4: Owners of freehold land require compensation if the current laws are not withdrawn or substantially modified, because they paid for their trees as well as their land when they paid out their leases. This has occurred in the business lifetime of the current owners.

Premise 5: Owners of freehold land and leaseholders made management decisions for future carrying capacity, with the understanding that their rights to manage their own land were, historically, inalienable rights in Australia.

Premise 6: Governments have distanced themselves by devolution of authority, and by not putting in place any land courts which previously acted as independent arbiters if there was a challenge to any government department decision. (Queensland)

Premise 7: Owners will be required to pay for complex compensation battles through the courts of the land if they challenge vegetation management decisions made by a government official, and possibly rendering their businesses unviable, as the government (Queensland) has used unlimited funds to challenge court rulings which have been successful for landowners.

Premise 8: Complex calculations for compensation would just grow another arm of bureaucracy.

Premise 9: Compensation calculations would take far too long for current businesses to carry the negative effects before justice could be served.

Premise 10: Compensation for loss of future income will be necessary, if the Australian parliamentary processes kowtow to the authority of non elected representatives of world based interest groups governing bodies (eg IPCC). Global

corruption and power plays are the preferred tactics of “green” vigilantes, determined to evangelize the world at any cost.

Premise 11: All Australian businesses linked to rural production will suffer from the aconine decision to open up Australia to imports from BSE effected countries . Australia will be guilty by association, if not in practice, and highly lucrative Australian export markets will be lost . Caving in to the demands of self interested trading partners is such a simplistic and powerless response to more powerful trading partners.

Premise 12: Our exemplary record of food and fibre production will be lost forever. if short sighted politicized decisions are allowed to change the landscape, economy and communities of rural Australia.

Premise 13; Australians value freedom in their community and life , both business and personal . Australians understand and take responsibility for their vast and complex land and nation. Senate committee members, if you don’t think so, tell your electorate you don’t think so, and then make the assumption that you will not be sitting in parliament after the next election.

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