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Subject: native vegetation laws

Dear sir

I would like to show my displeasure at the way the new vegetation laws have been thrust upon us and limiting my abilities to earn an income from my land .
As 2/3 of my property is bush country and needing to clean up more land to be able to maintain my present operation.
Because I can only remove a tree here or there ,by there law ,In order to get enough timber to heat my home in the winter in the snowy mountains, I'm braking the law.
Now to add to the problem we have a large profusion of regrowth that needs to be dealt with now ,
And as the laws stand am not allowed to do anything.

To add insult to injury now, we look to being charged a tax on our livestock, this is wrong as we are in a carbon negative area –our soils actually absorb carbon from the atmosphere. Add to this all the carbon that the bush and regrowth are absorbing, we should be rewarded for the capture and storing of carbon
On our land and not penalized for the privilege. If we farmers were are compensated properly for all our environmental savings we have made under these draconian laws that have been imposed upon us, A lot of the so called problems would be averted . The question still remains??? Why does the rural sector have to carry the all the cost for the rest of Australia.

Regards Bill Fletcher