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The Committee Secretariat
Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Inquiry into Native Vegetation Laws, Greenhouse Gas Abatement and Climate Change Measures

I have been a cattle farmer for 40 years and am a third generation farmer.

My small farm is very intensive, every square inch counts. I grow calves for milk, feed veal on contract and also farm free range eggs and free range roosters.

These present native vegetation laws are stopping me from making a living because:

1. I am not allowed to clear my land and leave about 15% scrub and trees here and there and control regrowth and make firebreaks 20m wide so trees can't fall on fences.
2. I am not allowed to irrigate natural pastures. I only want to irrigate approximately 2 acres for my cows from my dam I constructed with a spring underneath.
3. I am not allowed to cultivate these 2 acres because it has not been farmed in the last 5 years.
4. I cannot use my land for a calf rearing complex because of government legislation.
5. I cannot grow green feed for my dairy cows to milk so I can feed milk fed calves for veal that I have a contract for.

Thank you for your consideration to my views on this issue.

Yours faithfully

Milton Christian.