

We would like our names and address withheld and kept confidential. Thankyou.

Submission into how the Native Vegetation laws impacts on land owners.

I would like to point out that I am a landowner and not a 'holder'. I feel that it is important for the government to acknowledge this up front and to give us due respect for this ownership, instead of undermining our rights and placing regulations and restrictions on us that are totally impossible to work with.

These new laws have had a massive impact to the productivity of the land. Where, once many farms could support a couple of families, it is now near impossible to support one without off farm income. It has impacted on our earnings; one family has to do the work of two but in their spare time, as they have to work away from home. Prices are down, our returns are less. We can't expand because of the laws and keeping up the maintenance is becoming difficult because of lack of time and money.

The government has no respect for the farmers in this country and seem to go out of their way to make life as difficult as possible for us. They are importing food from overseas that does not meet our stringent health standards, that does not meet our environmental standards and that does not compete with us on a level playing field.

The Australian government is the government of Australia and not the world. It is about time that they realise this, forget about free trade and start to look after the Australian people.