

Senate Finance and Public Administration
Committee

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To whom it may concern.

I make the following submission in relation to Native Vegetation Laws and associated Greenhouse Gas Abatement and Climate Change Measures.

Myself and my partner are heavily involved in both the beef and timber industries. The implementation of these new laws will have a dramatic effect on our present and future incomes and the value of our four properties.

1. Control of invasive weeds on our pasture land will be under threat if indeed we are allowed to even carry ^{out} any control at all.
2. Plantation of logs and thinning management that I have been doing for 35 years will mean nothing as many of the trees I have planted are now considered 'Old Growth', and Hoop Pine plantation is considered 'Rainforest'. My sawmill and others that I supply will close.
3. We are paying council Rates on land that will no longer be productive or useable.
4. The value of our properties will decrease alarmingly. Who will purchase properties that show no means of income?
5. No consultation has ever happened! Similarly no compensation has ever been offered and won't be under NSW law.
6. Where there were 45 Sawmills in the Derrigo area 35 years ago there are now 4 which speaks for itself.

I sincerely ask the committee to renounce those laws.

yours faithfully,