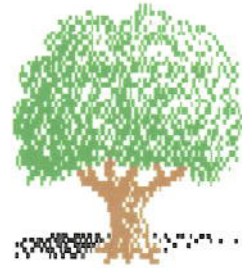


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Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I write to inform you of the impact native vegetation laws and legislated greenhouse gas abatement measures have affected me both financially and personally.

I purchased my 800 hectare, basically unimproved, property as a young, newly married person full of enthusiasm to fulfil my ambition of a life on the land.

Everything appeared to be going to plan, having improved approximately half of my land and more than trebled my gross income when native vegetation laws shattered my ambitions.

I am now left with a property, 50% of which is unproductive, but incurring ever increasing rates and taxes, and I am now forced to seek off farm employment to survive.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Richards.