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Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee
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To Whom It May Concern

I am a 80 year old farmer born on the said property of 2 blocks of the above address and worked on this property since 1946 after leaving school- married in 1965.

Our children when leaving school went to University and became Engineers, Veterinarians and Agricultural Science- My wife and I carried on.

In the last 20 years regrowth has taken over a lot of the country that I cleared myself—reducing the carrying capacity from 900 wethers to 300 on that area. My main energy went into breeding, feeding and maintaining the flock of 2000 without buying- which I haven't purchased a sheep for over forty years, only rams. 1400 approx. acres wasn't being used due to the difficulty of mustering, while I was clearing the other half of this block in question. This 1400 acres has now been closed up never to be used and cleared in any way, making it hard in the future to sell- And with a reduced value and making a fire hazard.

I ask why should this happen to me after all these years trying hard to make a living off the land.

This takes all the incentive out of working the land.
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