

Sir,           Why is it that the landholders that never went ahead and cleared their land and kept timber on the land for later use now being treated as some sort of criminals because of this timber and associated vegetation? We seem to have no rights to the value of this asset that is locked up by city interests to get city votes.

          If this timber and vegetation is valuable to the climate situation as we are told by many interested parties why hasn't a price been agreed upon that we will be paid for the land locked up? There are threats of very heavy fines for not adhering to these laws surely they must be based on some value to the situation other than fear of retribution.

          It should also be made very clear that far more responsibility has to be expected of the urban population to do their share and make as much sacrifice as they expect of others outside the cities, otherwise the whole exercise is a complete waste of time.

                          W.W.Constable. Retired.