

Submission to Senate Inquiry

Native Vegetation Laws, Greenhouse Gas Abatement, & Climate Change Measures

Senate Finance & Public Admin. Committee Members,

Our submission relates to Part 1 (a) & (b) of the Terms of Reference.

We have attached a [PowerPoint Version2007] visual presentation with notes and questions under the 16 Slides.

HISTORY

1. We requested that Border Rivers/Gwydir CMA inspect and prepare a Property Vegetation Plan [PVP], late in 2009, for our 1144 ha. property 29km West of Warialda NSW.
2. As part of a trade-off for our re-establishing permanent perennial grasses and legumes on some 270 ha of contoured cultivation, we requested that approx. 72ha of invasive stunted Cypress Pine be thinned to allow the original large Cypress, Iron Bark, Wilga, Belah, Box, Native Grasses, Legumes & Forbs to survive and flourish. i.e. return area to its original bio-diversity.
3. The PVP as submitted by CMA for our approval or otherwise, will only allow approx. 20% of the 72ha to be mechanically treated while the remaining 80% can only be thinned using FIRE or by HAND with no disturbance to ground cover. We estimate that some 3 – 4 million saplings [av. 5 per sq.metre] cover the 72ha.
4. Our request is that mechanical thinning be permitted, as fire or manual thinning is impossible, and impractical.

We hope our attached Presentation reveals the process of bio-diversity destruction, asset devaluation, and productivity reduction.

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Cypress Pine Invasion on 'Nunga'

Warialda NSW

The proposed Property Vegetation Plan by Border Rivers/Gwydir CMA ,will only allow either **burning or hand removal** of 80 % of the affected area. These pictures support our submission that burning to thin the understory is impossible due to this radical thickening which has killed out the native grasses and plants,& hand removal is both uneconomic & ludicrous.





























