

Submission of William John and Lynette Lisle Bolin on Native Vegetation Laws,
Greenhouse Gas Abatement and Climate Change Matters

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20 years ago we bought land for a cattle property. It had been regarded as one of the highest producing aggregations in the district prior to becoming weed infested.

The land is superb basalt ranging from undulating to quite steep areas, with shelves between. Lantana and Crofton weed grew on all the southern slopes and beneath all the trees. The country will run 1 breeder per 4 acres as long as we maintain the weed free status.

The property was bought for its magnificent tree variety and its potential as a high performing grazing enterprise which it is now.

The weed removal has taken 20 years. In recent years this has been hampered by impossible restraints placed upon us by regulators removed from the reality using legislation to threaten us with huge fines should we make mistakes in the way we maintain OUR property.

The only way we can remain viable is to keep up the weed removal as cheaply as we can.

New research has stated that good high production pastures in high rainfall regions sequester more carbon than tree plantations.

Government must understand that regulations made have huge ramifications in the bush – (its not one size fits all here). Viable Land Owners make good, responsible land managers in most cases.

If we are to be restricted by regulation from using the country for what it was purchased then we must be compensated for our loss of production and compensated annually. Any thing else is Mandatory Theft.

Solution 1: Minimise truculent regulations legislated by government that prevent Land owners from carrying out reasonable land management practices to enable them to remain viable on THEIR LAND. Viable farmers are an asset to the nation.

Solution 2: Any Land owner who is disadvantaged as a result of a government imposed land management regulation. Must be compensated to the value of the loss in income incurred every year. Remember WE OWN the land and any loss of productivity caused by a Government authority regulation is nothing less than Mandatory Theft.

Sincerely
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