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Submission to the Senate Inquiry into Native Vegetation Laws and Legislated Greenhouse Gas Abatement measures on Landholders

- 1) We have Freehold property was 3000 acres, now 2000 acres. 1000 acres sold off to be able to live as a direct result from not being able to control vegetation in the correct manner to make our property a viable business.
- 2) Hand feeding of animals for 6 years not only due to drought but again as result of too many trees and not enough cleared area to promote the growth of pastures for the animals.
- 3) Unable to gain compensation for Carbon Credits as a result of having 3000 acres of trees. Being told that we have to plant them to get any benefits.
- 4) How can we plant trees, when we are not allowed to chop ones down to have the space to plant them.
- 5) Selling off our sheep to only manage a 100 animals as this is what the land can support without feeding (2000acres) to run 100 sheep. This is not a viable number of animals to provide sufficient income.
- 6) Land being devalued as a result of Native Vegetation Act, woody weeds now being called native as they cover more ground than grass.
- 7) Having to be custodians of our land, paying rates, removing feral animals, Poisoning weeds classed as obnoxious and having to spend two weekends paying hundreds of dollars to obtain a chemical licence to be able to buy the chemicals in the first place to kill these weeds.
- 8) Not being able to pass our properties down to our families as they are no longer an asset but encumbrance. A business going backwards.
- 9) No compensation arrangements to the landholders from the imposition of such laws, which have prevented us from being viable business managers.
- 10) Who can be held responsible for the loss of 500 farmers who have already taken their own lives because they were unable to provide for their family.

I submit this information to the Senate Enquiry,
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