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Senate Finance and Public
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I wish to submit the following submission.

Property rights of Australian landholders seem to be diminishing, unable to clear vegetation to develop and increase their own productivity on their farmland.

It seems to be a one way street in favour of the Government who will use the vegetation as carbon sinks for reducing carbon emissions.

But landholders have to pay rates, maintain and control weeds and feral animals with no compensation on this land.

Why should any landholder have to bare the cost of land that they cannot ever profit from while Governments can in turn use it to their advantage?

Surely if these carbon sinks “native vegetation” are needed, landholders need some sort of compensation to maintain these areas and loss of potential productivity.

Yours Faithfully

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