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SUBMISSION

Senate Inquiry into

Native Vegetation Laws, Greenhouse Gas Abatement and Climate Change Measures
By the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

This submission has been prepared by Gregory Miller

As per the inquiry terms of reference, this submission deals with the impacts of the New South Wales native vegetation laws on my property.

(a) any diminution of asset value and productivity as a result of such laws:

As far as we can determine, the New South Wales native vegetation laws have the effect of restricting the use of our rural residential property so that approximately 4 acres of our property have to be retained as native vegetation. Our property covers only 6 acres. At the time, this did not mean a lot to us as the 4 acres were covered with standing timber and weedy regrowth that we did not intend to clear in the immediate future.

We are pensioners. We purchased the property to establish our home to live out our retirement. We intended to use the land to establish a garden to grow roses, other exotic shrubs and some vegetables for our own use.

Although we can only use about 2 of our 6 acres, we are still required to pay rates, control noxious weeds, feral animals and fire on the lot.

(b) compensation for landholders resulting from such laws;

We have been told by Council that we are not entitled to any compensation.

(c) the appropriateness of the method of calculation of the asset value in determination of compensation arrangements

Nil submission

(d) any other matters

Because the State Government now intends to resume the property for a new highway, the value of the property at the time of resumption will be a lot lower because of the native vegetation legislation restrictions.

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