

Submission to Inquiry of Native vegetation Laws, Greenhouse Gas Abatement & Climate Change Measures

To: Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

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Background

I have lived on a farm since I was six years old. I married a fifth generation farmer and we have two beautiful children. We love our lifestyle and are proud farmers. We take care of our cultivation and crops like a proud gardener would care for their roses.

Submission

I believe once you buy something you should be able to make responsible decisions on how and what you do with your purchase. For example you buy a car you choose what petrol product you want to put in it, you chose whether to tint the windows in the car. These are the decisions that you get to make for your car.

But yet why is it when you make one of the biggest investments of your life, like purchasing a property, you seem to have a lot of red tape if you want to make improvements to it.

We pay a high price for our land and sometimes it has thick native vegetation corridors on the paddock. These native vegetation corridors, as you like to call it, are weed breeding and feral animal breeding playgrounds. They are virtually impossible to spray. The feral animals find it an absolute delight because they only have to walk out of the vegetation and then get a free feed off the crop. The vegetation also makes it hard for the crop to produce good grain around them because they zap all the moisture and the weeds seem to find their way into the crop and be a hindrance.

These corridors have no profitable use for the farmer or anybody else. We pay the same amount of rates for the native patches as our other land yet we receive no profit from them.

Summary

We need a plan to protect property owners rights, we only want to do what is best for our land, so that it will also be in tip top condition for all generations to come.

Thank you for your time in reading my submission

Janelle Cox