

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

I call on you, as our representatives, to do your moral duty to have the Native Vegetation Act repealed or at the very least compensate landholders [for loss of land rights] at current market value.

It has become public knowledge, that “climate change” furore, has been a carefully constructed “con job” by “big money”; Macquarie Bank , Goldman Sachs Bank to name two. Easily checked by investigating their [the Banks] involvement in the EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME.

Canada has reneged on its’ Kyoto agreement. SO CAN WE!

Instead of the money going to those trading in the “airy fairy” ETS,
KEEP IT FOR AUSTRALIA!

As a farmer and land custodian, for 47 years, this has affected me by adding another dimension to our, already unacceptable worry load, of drought, low commodity prices & Government intervention, killing farm incomes and in consequence putting more pressure on this country’s most valuable asset, the land.

If I am not allowed to keep my land cleared to grow grasses,(that sequesters more carbon than trees) and not allowed to control woody weeds, “**my land**” will in a short time, become *useless*. Scrub regrowth would replace open grazing/farm land, increasing the encouragement of an arboreal monoculture with little or no biodiversity, a haven for non-indigenous animals and increased risk of fire. The land will have no commercial value. The affected land will become a liability to the nation, our neighbours, the banks (holding title for loans) and to us, the landholder.

Therefore you, of the Senate Enquiry, must have The Act repealed or the Government, State or Federal, must pay JUST COMPENSATION, based on current market values, for our land!

It is your duty to have this **MONSTROUS** act repealed, and re-instate land rights, so unjustly **stolen** from all landholders!

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