

Greenhouse gas and Native Vegetation Enquiry

We have been refused the right to clear approximately 800 hectares of bush for farming purposes in 1997. This refusal took about two years to happen. After going through all due process we finally gave in and proceeded to see if we could get "just" compensation, this is not on the agenda for loss of clearing in WA. This action has in fact rendered this farming situation almost unviable and as the land is owned and controlled by our superannuation fund we have seen our fund go backwards, to the extent that the older members can no longer expect to retire without a pension.

As cleared land in this area is selling for around \$1000.00 hect and undeveloped bush in this area, according to the valuer general, has little value because it is too far from the lifestyle areas our loss is seen to be considerable without loss of earnings being included.

The federal Govt through its various avenues, COAG etc are responsible for the State Govt actions but do not have to compensate, we think this is unjust in the extreme.

It seems that as farmers we are having to pay an unfair share of the greenhouse gas reduction schemes. We are paying for public good, in this case we think that the public should share the cost.

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