

THE SECRETARY

SENATE FINANCE & PUBLIC FINANCE COMMITTEE

DEAR SIR,

I OWN 3 PROPERTIES IN NORTHSTAR AREA.

I HAVE BEEN RESTRICTED IN MY GRAIN PRODUCTION DUE TO THE NATIVE VEGETATION ACT.

ON ONE OF MY PROPERTIES THERE HAS BEEN 40 ACRES LOCKED UP & NOT TO BE USED (due to previous owners being charged for clearing)

THERE IS ALSO 600 ACRES OF TIMBER COUNTRY THAT CAN NOT BE CLEARED FOR GRAIN PRODUCTION.

THIS IS A CRIMINAL RUING AS IT PREVENTS FOOD PRODUCTION IN AN EVER GROWING WORLD.

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