

Following are brief comments on the above enquiry

1. The prevention of damage by fruit bats to my crop is adding about 60 cents per tray to my production costs. This was necessary after a loss of 100% of the crop in 1998

2. Current water reforms in NSW are advantaging non-commercial users eg. landscaping, at the expense of productive agriculture

3. Native Vegetation Legislation

a) places restrictions on earning potential of the landholders investment. The most affected is the landholder who has been practising conservation

b) The community wants to put restrictions on landholders but don't want to pay.

c) There needs to be a much greater emphasis on education rather than regulation.

d) Incentive funding is important but is it being correctly targeted

e) Incentive funding helps those who are already keen to do something but what about compensation for those that are restricted.

Regards

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