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Mr Ian Dundas
House of Representatives Standing Committee
on Environment and Heritage
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2604

Dear Mr Dundas,

I am writing to provide you with NFF's response to the *Inquiry into Public Good Conservation – Impact of Environmental Measures Imposed on Landholders*.

NFF believes this inquiry is another important step in current deliberations on issues relating to the sustainable use of natural resources and the conservation of environmental assets. We hope the work of this inquiry will also feed into the considerations of the high level Ministerial group which we understand has been established to address the future government role in investment in natural resources and the environment.

Landholders have a critical role to play in this future.

NFF recently jointly released with the Australian Conservation Foundation and with the assistance of the Land and Water Resources Research and Development Corporation an independent consultants report "*Repairing the Country: National Investment in Rural Landscapes*". I have included a copy of this report with our submission for the Committee's information.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if the Committee requires further information on the issues raised in our submission.

Yours sincerely

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