

The Secretary,  
House of Representatives  
Standing Committee of Environment and Heritage  
Parliament House  
Canberra A.C.T.2600

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Conservation Control Enquiry.

I am writing to express my concerns with regulations that have been placed on my property . We have approximately 500 acres of bushland which cannot be cleared , before the regulations came in this was worth approximately \$125.00 per acre now it is battling to be worth \$10.00 per acre. This is an injustice that I have had to suffer. Its alright for all those people in the cities to want to save the trees etc but I am the one that bears the cost of it . I am the one that is responsible for the rabbits in that area , I'm the one responsible for the weeds, I'm the one who has to do the fencing around the area. I can't heavily stock the area in case I harm the trees . I believe that I should have been entitled to some form of compensation or even better still they could have bought the land at valuation , the cost of saving native vegetation would have then been borne by all the community

In our community there is a lot of examples of how regulations are making it harder for farmers to survive. Farmers in the main are into conservation but I believe that regulations have gone too far here in Victoria

I remain  
Yours faithfully  
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