

The Committee Secretary
Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage
House of Representatives
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Attached is a CSIRO contribution to the House of Representative Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage's Inquiry into Public Good Conservation.

CSIRO is in very active contact with a range of landholders since they are key stakeholders for, and users of, our research dealing with land use management including conservation. In this way we do get some perspective on the impacts of conservation measures. Sometimes, these insights are gathered somewhat incidentally to the pursuit of our main roles and focus. But CSIRO is increasingly developing its research directions, and transferring the outputs of its research, in partnership modes and taking explicit account of all environmental, economic, social and institutional factors - which can include the effects of regulations and programs.

Without addressing all of the terms of reference, the attached submission attempts to give the flavour of CSIRO's experience in a fairly informal way, but drawing upon both quantitative and qualitative material. It outlines the perspective of one Division - CSIRO Tropical Agriculture - on the complexity surrounding adoption of conservation measures. The key contact there for this matter is Dr John Taylor, Deputy Chief, who is in Brisbane on telephone 07 3214 2344.

We hope that you find it worthwhile.

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