

Inquiry into Natural Resource Management and Conservation Challenges

I am a Landowner in the Northern Midlands of Tasmania

I believe that Landcare was over-funded, and poorly managed

because

1. funds were often squandered on small projects without a larger strategic framework., that many lifestyle (small landholdings) soaked up significant funding on insignificant works.
2. That is was too easy to access funds.
3. That too much money was spent on administering projects.
4. That there were legal loopholes that allowed farmers to take the money, but not necessarily honour the spirit of the agreement.

For instance: A local farm "Vaucluse" Conara accessed significant funding for salinity works including volunteers working weeks.

a few years later the livestock were allowed to destroy the project during a drought.

5. That Landcare and NHT became "meal tickets " for professionals all over Australia with dubious longterm benefits.
6. That some people that would struggle to gain employment elsewhere, were happily employed by Landcare etc.

A thorough review of the effectiveness of this funding is long overdue.

Yours Faithfully,

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