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As a land owner of some 19 000 ha I am directly effected by this legislation.

Most of the proposed changes will have a negative effect on my ability to manage my country as needed on a day to day basis.

The proposed legislation will force land owners to make decisions about their land which is not in the long term interests of themselves or the people who will follow behind them. (for example , clearing land marked in the white just because it is marked white )

It will also cause uncertainty about just what the full implications of the act are for a few years to come and make normal land owners into criminals.

This one size fits all , top down approach will cause enormous angst in the rural communities and cause a backlash equally as big as the last time this happened.

We will then go through the whole rewriting of the act all over again.

Perhaps the most onerous part of the new act is the onus of proof of innocence. This goes against the normal legal principal of innocent until proven guilty.

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