

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT (REINSTATEMENT) AND OTHER LEGISLATION BILL

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Dear Sir,

I would like to draw your attention to all manner of conditions with which landholders have to contend with to comply with regulations set down by governments of the day.

On the 28th October 1960 the "Land Administration Commission, Department of Public Lands, Brisbane", issued a new 30 year Grazing Homestead lease to my father for [REDACTED] which had 50% resumed off the original lease for ballot. With that came conditions for timber treatment which my father agreed to and had to be complied with, I will list the conditions below:-

Tenure: Grazing Homestead
Term: 30 years

Special Conditions:

1. The selector shall maintain, during the term of the lease, the part or parts of the selection on which trees were previously destroyed in the improvement of the land, free from all suckers and undergrowth as well as all seedling growth in respect of which a Permit to Destroy is not required.
2. The selector shall, with in a period of seven (7) years from the commencement of the term of the lease, and to the satisfaction of the Minister, destroy by ringbarking or otherwise in accordance with a permit granted by the Land Commissioner, trees on an area of 10,000 acres of the selection, in equal proportions during each year of such period, and shall thereafter maintain such area free from all regrowth, suckers and undergrowth.

The Selector shall, within one month after the commencement of the term of lease, apply to the Land Commissioner for a Permit to Destroy Trees on the selection so that performance of this condition can be undertaken.

We have moved on from there and I have taken over the control of [REDACTED] It is now freehold.

The point I would like to make is these conditions have been complied with, we were only doing what we agreed to do. If we are not allowed to maintain this regrowth the country will revert back to a worse state than before treatment, all that money will be wasted.

In recent years we have had all sorts of regulations inflicted upon us, such as "High Value Regrowth" etc. Also the vegetation mapping is inaccurate and we have had to engage consultants had a huge cost because of the complicated nature of the process and penalties which apply if I get it wrong. Not to mention my time.

I am not real sure of the nature or ramifications of this Bill but after complying with all previous

conditions set by Government 56 years ago and since then I now find myself in this insidious position of having to spend large amounts of money to comply with what we were told to do 56 years ago.

I thought you only got penalised for doing the wrong thing, we are being penalised for doing the right thing.

Thank you.

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