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Please forgive if this submission is a little unprofessional but it is the first time I have written one.

I am a landowner and would just like to raise my misgivings about changes to the vegetation management act and if it results in encroachment of regrowth on agricultural land.

1 I will be concerned about the long term viability of farming in my district if we have the ability to manage trees and grass taken away. My family have been here for five generations and have farmed conservatively believing trees have a part to play in a healthy farming system. There was reasons why my ancestors cleared land and that is to reach a balance with grass and trees. I worry I won't be able to hand on a profitable farm to my son.

2 In this range country the more trees you have the more lantana you have growing under than. This awful weed forms a monoculture in the understory and costs thousands in attempting to control it.

3 bushfires will become worse I have already witnessed this on land that has not been managed being unprofitable to do so or national parks or reserves. The debris from the trees build up so its a ticking bomb and destroys alot of the tree and animals when a wild fire starts and can only be controlled once it reaches more open areas.

4 Finally the impact on property values. I cant believe people would want to buy land they cant do anything with and indeed cost them to own it. So you could end up with a asset becoming worthless.

Thankyou for taking the time to read this, these are real concerns that might not be eloquently arranged but I hope the meaning is clear.

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