

SUBMISSION TO: Submission No. 539

**Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation
Amendment Bill 2016**

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I provide my submission in support of the continuation of the Current Vegetation Management Act 1999 and rejection of the changes proposed in the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 ("the Bill").

I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE INCLUSION OF THE REVERSE ONUS-OF-PROOF IN THE PROPOSED AMMENDMENTS TO THE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ACT AS IT IS AGAINST THE RIGHTS OF ANY AUSTRALIAN TO BE PRESUMED GUILTY UNTIL THEY CAN PROVE THEIR INNOCENCE. FARMERS ARE DENIED THE RIGHT OF JUSTICE AND DESCRIMITATED AGAINST UNDER SECTION 24 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE: MISTAKE OF FACT.

I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW TO YOUR ATTENTION THE DANGERS OF REFUSING TO ALLOW FARMERS MANAGE REGROWTH. IN MANY INSTANCES THIS WILL DEGENERATE INTO AN IMPENETRABLE LANDSCAPE OF SUCKERS PROVIDING NO HABITAT FOR NATIVE WILDLIFE, WHILST THE ACTUAL GROUND COVER IS NONEXISTANT TO PROTECT THE SOILS FROM EROSION. THE GRASSES ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE SOIL PROFILES, PREVENTING DEGRADATION DUE TO EROSION.

I HAVE ATTACHED PHOTOS THAT CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE SERIOUS EROSION AND DEGRADATION IN THICK SUCKERED COUNTRY. IN CONTRAST, THE EROSION IS NON EXISTANT IN ADJACENT COUNTRY WITH GRASS GROUND COVER.



PANORAMIC SHOT SHOWING DENSE BRIGALOW SUCKERS WITH NO GROUND COVER TO THE LEFT WITH EROSION THROUGHOUT. TO THE RIGHT SHOWING OPEN GRASSED COUNTRY WHERE EROSION IS PREVENTED DUE TO GRASS COVER.



EXTENSIVE EROSION THROUGHOUT THICK BRIGALOW SUCKERS.



TOP PHOTO SHOWING VIEW FROM THICK SUCKERS OUT INTO OPEN COUNTRY. NOTE WHERE THE EROSION STOPS...WHERE THE GRASS STARTS.

BOTTOM PHOTO IS SAME SPOT LOOKING BACK INTO THE THICK SCRUB. EXTENSIVE LAND DEGRADATION DUE TO NO GRASS AND THICK SUCKERS.



AGAIN, EXTENSIVE EROSION AND DEGRADATION DUE TO THE THICK SUCKERS INHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GRASS GROUND COVER. IT IS THE GRASS THAT PRESERVES THE LAND.

Signed:	
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