

To Whom It May Concern,

I have had 60 years experience of living in mulga country and refer to this matter speaking only about mulga country.

I pull mulga to feed cattle in times of hardship. In doing this, I have found that pulling mulga encourages more seedlings to grow into usable stands of low mulga. Leaving the stands of mulga for an indefinite period is nearly a waste of vegetation, as it doesn't live forever and some choke themselves out before they even mature. When this happens, large amounts of mulga seedlings take their place. The old ones now die and are wasted. Scattered trees will live for more than 60yrs, but are usually full of mistletoe and eventually die anyway.

Pulling mulga means growing more trees and this is what I want to see.

Yours Sincerely,
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