

**State Development Infrastructure and Industry Committee**

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Tree Clearing on Leasehold Land for example, Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease

We are not sure this has been addressed. We as lease holders, the family having held this lease since 1935, need the right to manage our own property, and to clear areas that need to be done as finance allows, and to be able to clear regrowth that has been taken back. We have not been able to do that since Beattie Draconian Veg Act Laws were brought in.

- The old system was
- (a) Pull timber, mainly eucalypts
  - (b) wait about 3 years and run cattle during that time to earn money to
  - (c) stick rake
  - (d) run cattle to pay to
  - (e) plant improved pastures

We have been paying the Carbon Tax for the rest of the population since the Veg Mag Laws were introduced, and to add insult to injury, the Western Downs Shire was amongst the first to be included in the list to pay the Tax, because of the Gas Fields. This adds insult to them being able to waste our underground water with no Rules to the contrary.

If food production is to be doubled, food security really is to be addressed, not just as throw away lines sprouted by those in Government from both sides. Country that has been locked up for so called political gain needs to be improved to be able to be used to produce food, and pasture improvement for grazing is equally as important as broad acre cultivation on our heavier soils.

You just have to see the Labor Disaster Ludwig has created for the Beef Industry in Northern Australia, combined with the unexpected failure of the Wet Season. What hasn't been burnt out is over stocked, and cattle are dying of starvation in their hundreds, Others being sent South at great expense to feedlots. Cattle prices are getting rather low, The Indonesians have been mortally insulted, consequently affordable prices for protein are getting out of hand for a hungry population to our north. Most people don't realize our own food production is at threat. What is happening to our Dairy Farmers is a case in point. At the rate the short sighted attitude of Coles and Woolworths has dreadfully depleted the numbers of farmers, and we may not be able to buy fresh milk at all in the future if they keep this up. The Labor Government is standing by and doing nothing. One can only conclude they are intent on destroying all Agriculture.

It is not showing any future thought to the generations that follow, to allow Open Cut mines to totally destroy good country that should be kept for food production. A well managed paddock of improved pastures and scattered trees makes a carbon sink , Stands of really old trees are degrading and emitting carbon.

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