

SUBMISSION

The way an economy is supported and grows in a Capitalist system is to encourage people to develop resources and in Agriculture that is often natural resources. North of Queensland has a good reliable water supply in many areas and is country that has had little development in farming either to support livestock or for large scale farming. That development will happen if it is allowed to by law. This law is closing the door on a future asset for Queensland and Australia. Australia runs on the exports of Mining and Agriculture. Mining is non renewing, Agriculture is an ongoing sustainable asset.

Self assessment codes allow the people who manage the Resource, the grazing opportunity, to make timely decisions about livestock and vegetation. Anytime that a department or other body needs to be consulted it is wasting time and energy from both the department and the land managers, resulting in a decline in vegetation, livestock and the Business and offering no benefit to any party. Land managers often have generations of practical knowledge that allows them to stay in business and are very often the best judges of the needs of their country type and the timeliness of certain land management practices.

What now is the value of Freehold Land as opposed to Leasehold land? What extra rights does a Freehold owner have that the Leasehold owner does not have? Freehold Land was paid for at a premium knowing that we owned the land and could therefor make decisions without only being a leaser. What is the value of paying more for Freehold land? By including Freehold land in High Value Regrowth the government has devalued agricultural land held in that tenure. Would a Government do that to the general population?

Does High Value Regrowth include management of Brigalow country? That type of country, to retain its production value needs to be treated every 10 years otherwise the regrowth shuts out most of the grass production leading to unsustainable production loses and erosion. Brigalow country blocks have been financed by Banks who presume that Brigalow country will be protected from legislation preventing it being managed. Brigalow country was not a sustainable asset until it was managed with clearing and it quickly reverts back to that state without continued management.

I know that there are many areas of the Qld Herbarium Maps that are not accurate, the ones on our own country certainly having areas that are not correct. I would consider getting those maps changed a waste of time and energy both for the taxpayer and myself as I know that It would be a long slow process.

I have this week been advised that a tree thinning permit, acquired 2 years ago, is no longer legal due to an interium code change. Do I take that off to my financier to tell him that the rules of my business have just changed and I am no longer allowed that increased productivity?

Mulga county has always been run knowing that Mulga is a feed resource. If it is not than that country is unviable.

Old photographs of the Jericho area show few trees, now much of the area that has not been cleared shows much thickening, that is not natural cover 100 years ago.

My father last year applied and paid the fee for a PMAV. When he rings to enquire about his application he is told that it is in the que. Is that a strategy, to take the money, slow the process down and then have nothing happen? We are advised by our Agricultural organisations to make applications however that is all that we can do. The rest is up to an understaffed department. The answer is not to add to the staff, it is to give back the decision making to the carer of the land and to the carer of the Businesses managing that land and Resource.

In 2005 my husband and I ran 30,000 head of cattle on 600,000 acres of land. During that time I ran the office, cooked for men and drafted all the cattle. Now in 2018 we run 8,000 head of cattle on 110,000 acres of land and I spend 4 days a week in the office. That is not productivity, that is Red Tape. As well as using up my time and energy it is not increasing the productivity of Australia.

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