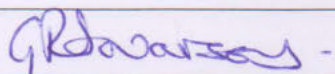


<p>The removal of High Value Agriculture removes part of the Agriculture Industry's ability to become more productive and resilient. HVA and IHVA provide a great opportunity for landholders to realise the potential of their land and to provide high energy diets for animals in times of need.</p> <p>HVA gives very large gains in productivity for relatively small areas of land cleared.</p>
<p>2. Retaining Self-Assessable Codes</p>
<p>Self-Assessable Codes have been a fantastic tool for land holders to use to be able to save time and money by having a streamlined system to be able to conduct development in a timely way, bypassing an unnecessary application system. The SAC has been well used, and users have been found to have complied with the relevant legislation, throughout the period the SAC's have been in place.</p> <p>This has been one less piece of paperwork in front of producers who are trying to make the most of their landholding, while still doing the right thing by the environment.</p>
<p>3. That no compensation will be payable to landholders subject to added layers of regulation – high value regrowth, regrowth watercourses and essential habitat during transitional arrangements</p>
<p>How can any Government introduce legislation that has a direct and immediate financial impact on a business and not pay compensation?</p>
<p>4. Increasing compliance measures and penalties under vegetation management laws.</p>
<p>So, while there will be no compensation for those doing the right thing, some of the penalties for those making mistakes or seen to be not abiding by a very complicated piece of legislation, will be trebled. Hardly fair when the penalties are already enough to put fear into all.</p>
<p>5. Other matters relevant to the Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 that the review committee should consider appropriate and worth some consideration</p>
<p>On the whole, farmers are a law abiding lot who are trying their hardest, in what are sometimes trying circumstances, to increase their own, and as a consequence the nations, productivity, whilst remaining environmentally sustainable. But these parts of the equation are imperative to producers being around now and into the future, providing a safe and sustainable food source.</p> <p>Left to manage our land under the existing Self Assessable Codes, and with the benefit of being able to access the High Value Agriculture framework, there is no doubt that the environment will be safe as will the future of food production in our nation.</p>

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