

**SUBMISSION**

As a veterinarian, I am hugely concerned on the affect this bill will have on the welfare of not only livestock, but also the native populations of animals. Having grown up on property and having worked extensively with property owners, I have seen first-hand the toll that the ever thickening tree coverage has on the landscape. It chokes out the native grassland leaving livestock and native animals (particularly macropods) to compete for what little grass is left. This has disastrous outcomes in dryer years, with domesticated and native animals alike slowly suffering as they succumb to starvation.

No amount of compensation will make up for the devastation this bill will have on the land and the animal welfare.

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