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I am unable to attend the hearing on Thursday 29th but just wish to voice my opinion, which is my right.

I cannot believe that this government which has probably no practical idea how to manage a mulga block, can decide from within the walls of Parliament House in Brisbane how is the way forward. We all know the Greens are behind this but we can hope that the committee shows some backbone and votes against these changes.

I don't know how to manage the mulga country either as our country is natural open grasslands but I do know that those producers who make a living in such country, DO know how to manage it.

The governments of all persuasions need money, more more every year and to make these rural areas less profitable means less production, less income, less taxes and the slow dying of rural communities.

May I suggest that the laws be left as they are, remove un-necessary red tape and these producers who are in many cases, mentally, physically and financially at the bottom of the barrel due to the drought be given peace of mind to feed mulga to stock.

In closing, think of the Shoal Water bay debate last year when the government decided that the overgrown reserve was not suitable for army training and cast their envious eyes onto the well managed cattle properties over the fence. This is what happens if this country is not well maintained, good for nothing.

This is not a submission as such but I wanted to add my voice in support of the landholders who are fighting so hard to keep their properties viable.

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