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To Whom it may concern:

concerns all of Qld Aust

World

The new veg laws will have a huge impact on the small business of beef cattle farming stock grazing in our region of Qld.....then up the ladder to small towns- schools -health-banking-other small business.

Living in the Mulga lands for the past 24 years we have relied heavily on what the tree can do to supply feed for our stock. Due to the amount of Droughts we have endured in this time an already a dry country of Aust.

The Mulga trees in our bio region have adapted to take great care of themselves... in how they grow reproduce and protect themselves. They provide their own mulch under themselves for better nutrient supply, the shape of the tree draws water to their root system and they are palatable and unpalatable at different times so to protect themselves from being over grazed.

They are renewable.... Pull them over and with one root still in the ground they will shoot up vertically ... They self-seed Flowering at different times of the year... that there is no one season that suits their survival. They are a fodder tree!!!!!!! And need to be considered as such. Food for stock and wildlife.

There is a need for them to be controlled sustainability or they will become so thickened that nothing else will live with in its bio system .. not natural grassed other native plants... or introduced pastures.

Fire was the Aboriginal way of controlling these trees... and still they will grow back.

These Mulga lands where open woodlands in days gone by and there are photos of this to prove so.

With the droughts we have had in the past 15 years the small towns are dying... shops and business are closing... so many business even Banks have left our town of Charleville. Making us more isolated each year.

We will lose our schools our Doctors. Enforcing the same code for all regions will not work.

We live on large scale properties to make us viable.

The new laws are too harsh and over burdening with your requirement as a small business to deal with daily.

Animal welfare is so important

There is a great natural organic resource in the Mulga that we should have total use of.

Thinning and fodder feeding is very important and is the way to get the best out of the land we own.

We are a small percentage of people as farmers but still produce a large amount of food to large percentage of people both domestic and internationally. Clean and Green.... Farmer are very proud of this logo...

Where is the hope for the next generation? Who is going to feed Australians and the rest of the world? Loss of income for us will hit your bottom line too.

Leading to importing foods from other countries.

No good asking people to visit Australia for the life style- tourism- investment of any sort if we cannot supply the clean green food for them?

Less production less food.... The Bush dies... small towns keep dying....where do we all go to live and work? Please re consider your new laws, fines and paperwork that you feel is so necessary.

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