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To Annastacia Palaszczuk and Qld Parliamentarians,

My Husband and myself operate a family beef operation in South West Queensland. We have both Freehold and Leasehold land over 140000 acres and are Certified Organic. In the area that we are situated there is large areas of existing vegetation that we already cannot touch ( in the leasehold Country) .This has always been the case so we manage around it. This reduces our productive areas down to country that has been cleaned up in the early 1900"s, when most was rung barked by hand. This was part of being able to maintain your Lease. If you didn't make your property VIABLE they took it off you. We operate a fourth generation business and hope to see our children take over in the future. The changes to VEG MANAGEMENT LAWS will have a major impact on our productive areas.

At Present regrowth is pulled every TEN years or so to allow regeneration of pasture and within no time the SUCKERS are back thicker and stronger than before. This is an ongoing management process and not a panic clear. How than do you think we are not MANAGING OUR VEGETATION . WE HAVE TO MAINTAIN OUR COUNTRY AND PASTURES TO A POINT THAT IT IS VIABLE FOR US TO RUN A BUSINESS .SO IF WE DON'T LOOK LOOK AFTER OUR LAND WE CANT RUN THE STOCK WE RUN , WE CAN'T PAY BANK INTEREST AND WE CAN'T EMPLOY WORKERS. This in its self effects the local towns. At present we employ 3 permanents workers and up to 5 or 6 during mustering ect. All of our supplies come from Local businesses, which in turn keeps them employing staff.

I grew up on a MULGA Block and feel the pain of those that are operating one in todays environment. Mulga is the life blood of their livestock. We already receive no Govt. assistance for drought and now you wish to take away the only thing that makes these business sustainable. Don't know if you have ever been through a drought, but it's pretty incredible to watch when you start a chainsaw or tractor and see the stock come running because they know you are about to provide them with fodder.

The self assessable laws that are in place now are conductive to running our operation, and as such we would like the law to stay as is.

We live in a wonderful healthy environment with lots of native fauna and flora, WHY would you want to change that.

Does it provide more desk jobs in you offices?

Does it fix the DEAL you made with the GREENS?

Why don't you try looking in your own back yard, try taking some cars off the roads to ease the pollution, try leaving treed areas around housing developments, EDUCATE the average city person as to where their food comes from and that we aren't knocking down everything in site like they say, or have been led to believe.

We love our Country, we look after it so that future generations can continue to produce clean green food for which Australia is renowned. Australia still has to maintain our

lucrative overseas markets and continue to provide the "CLEAN GREEN IMAGE" to the world, and we as producers work hard to maintain the quality that is expected. Please don't make our job harder than it already is.

Please provide the average city dweller with the correct information on the amounts of NEW LAND CLEARING that is being done and the amount that is retreating existing timber treatment areas so that they can make an informed decision instead of all the bullshit scaremongering you currently do.

THANKYOU FOR READING,

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