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Hello

I am writing to you in relation to the Vegetation Management Laws.

At the age of 21 my father moved his young family to the bush with the dream of raising his children on a farm. He has now invested in another three properties which three of his four children run.

My wife and I live on the breeder property with our two children. Like my dad I too want my kids to have the wonderful rural childhood that I did. Each year this dream is becoming harder and harder. If it's not fire, flood or drought it is or government trying to destroy us. As a family business we currently have nine employees, as the business becomes more financial we will increase this number to 12. If the new vegetation laws come in then the

ability for our business to grow is greatly effected.

We are not asking to be allowed to strip our country bare, we know that is not good for our land and inturn not our pockets. All we want is a far go. We want to be able to manage our land the way we know what works. We are constantly educating ourselves in the best practices for both our land and our stock. 99.9% of the people on the land love the bush, they love the lifestyle and they know that the only way for them to continue on as farmers is to look after their bread and butter, their soil and grass. By reducing the tree cover this will allow grasses to flourish, grass is a much bigger reducer of erosion that trees.

Yours sincerely

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