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Some of the changes implemented ahead of this Bill being discussed by the relevant committee BEFORE approval would need to be questioned as to their validity and their intent. Some of these changes were implemented "without prior notice" and in fact in some instances the notification of changes were issued at 6.30pm (after the close of normal government business hours) on the very day that the came into force, and these changes have resulted in previous "white areas" being reclassified without prior notice to your leaseholders - the very people who pay the lease costs and in fact are also your constituents and who ultimately pay your wages at large. What arrogance!!!

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I would also like to challenge the wording and active description of the justification for this land grab used by your DR. Lynham in his address to the House which to me is quite misleading.

Dr LYNHAM: I would like to draw the attention of the House specifically to the removal of provisions that allowed for clearing for high-value agriculture and irrigated high-value agriculture. The Newman government introduced this clearing purpose into legislation which led to **broadscale clearing of our irreplaceable remnant vegetation**. From today, there will be no more of those approvals. However, to give certainty to industry we will honour existing approvals.

Think about these words for one minute

"...broadscale clearing of our irreplaceable remnant vegetation"....

How can any "vegetation" be described as "irreplaceable" when in fact there are millions of hectares of natural regrowth occurring across the state and the country and the world on a daily basis. This natural regrowth occurs after fires, floods and even land clearing activities

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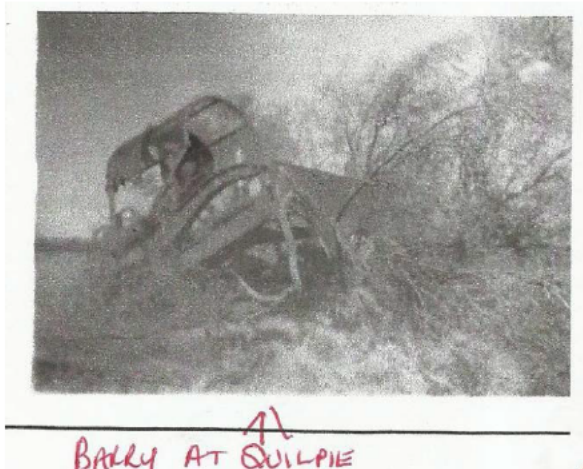
Most of the "broad scale"? (please define that term) clearing that has been recaptured under this unannounced and midnight claw back land grab is clearing of regrowth areas which were original vegetation cleared some 20/30/40/50++ years ago and which is in itself proof positive that it is "replaceable" by natural means, despite droughts and flooding rains and broad scale? land clearing .

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Descriptions such as "irreplaceable" and "broad scale" are either simply emotive words to sway an already determined outcome or quite frankly Mr Lynham does not know what he is talking about - which is it? Does he consider selective clearing of some 4,000 acres of regrowth vegetation on a 40,000 acre property (10%) after some 27 years of being left untouched as "broad scale" clearing?

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Mulga Bill - the mulga vegetation has proven itself as an avid regrowth vegetation and will take over it home turf if not managed and controlled. Does Mr Lynham know anything at all about this subject? - hell you can drive over a stand of mulga with a D10 dozer and knock it down and 12 months later it will be up and growing again. Please get real. Below is a photo of my brother "pushing mulga" to feed stock on Piaster Station SW of Quilpie back in circa 1956/57 (some 60+ years ago) and if you went back to the station today you will find mulga still growing there and still feeding stock in times of drought. So Lynhams description as being "irreplaceable remnant vegetation" is nothing but emotive .



Further more it is well known that the federal government PAID the state governments (from taxpayers money) to implement the original native vegetation laws (in the days of the Beattie ALP government in the case of QLD) so that the federal government could acquiesce to a foreign mandated Kyoto Agreement (read shades of UN) and therefore CIRCUMVENT the taking of land values from the people WITHOUT paying just compensation as is required of the federal government under the Constitution of Australia. This matter is now going to the High Court of Australia and until the validity or otherwise of this action by the federal government is proven in the HC then all native vegetation laws should be repealed and considered null and void. It would behove Mr Lynham to acquaint himself with the current status of this court case which whilst it involves the NSW state government any ruling in favor of Peter Spencer will open the floodgates of claims right across the country. Will the ALP compensate for the value loss incurred by the landholders for locking up otherwise perfectly good country via this midnight land grab? Land area locked up x \$/acre + loss of productive income x end of lease term or until sale of freehold land?

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Regards,

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