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To: <u>SDNRAIDC</u>
Subject: Vegetation Laws

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Hi,

My wife and I are a young couple that have invested in the family property along with my grandmother. As a young kid, i helped my grandfather cut mulga to feed cattle through droughts, know we rely on machinery to selectively thin the mulga for feed in dry times. Over the years, it has become more and more complicated to keep up with the rules and red tape to quite simply keep our stock alive in dry times. We had a good system going with the previous laws, and there was no reason to change them.

Being a property that is not yet fully developed, we have been fortunate enough to proceed with thinning under the previous laws also. This has been a very positive practice and has improved our land and grass cover quality immensily. We have found that it has also improved our regional ecosystems greatly with more wildlife ect living in the thinned country and still having the canopy coverage that they need. To further develop and look after our country [that we spend a great deal of time and money on to keep in prestige condition] these new vegetation laws proposed need to be reviewed and re considered.... As said before the previous laws were a good thing, why change??

As a young couple trying to make a go of things, we are not here to wreck the business/land we love, we are here to develop and sustain a healthy and viable ecosystem and produce the food to keep our great country going. Please understand how important vegetation management is to us, and we are farmers that know our land and how to run it in a way that keeps it a viable and healthy agricultural eneterprise.

Kind Regards

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