

To the Committee Secretary
State Development, Natural Resources and Agriculture
Industry Development Committee
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My name is Adma Sargood. I am not a scientist or a politician – I am a certified organic cattle producer in the Mulga Lands of Central Queensland, a wife, a mother of two children, a vet nurse to 2000 cows, 15 working dogs, 3 rescued house dogs, 8 rescue hens, 48 poddies, 20 odd horses, kangaroos and various other wildlife on my property, book keeper, grant writer, house cleaner, gardener, handyman(whoops handy person) and custodian to 80 odd thousand acres of magnificent, self sustainable Mulga Country near Charleville.

Unlike most of the other people who have kindly given their time to respond to the proposed Vegetation Laws I am Not going to provide science because I truly believe the Government, (by its Department's staff own admission as per the Public Committee briefing at which you were present) is not interested in either of those. See time frame 46.30 on the Committee Hearing's archived Broadcast from 19th March 2018 where one of the DNRM staff arrogantly replied "NO" to the MP's question if the Government had done any modelling as to the effect this Legislation would have on Queensland and again a "NO" to the question Are you going to in the future? On a personal level if that had been my child answering like that they would have received a well timed kick to the backside for speaking with that much lack of respect. This clearly demonstrated to the whole world Labour's intention in the matter. Perhaps they could do with a kick to the backside, unfortunately I think it is us that will receive that.

TO this end..... why are we even bothering ? It is obvious they don't care that the Mulga Lands will choke itself out (see photos below) – they have made up their mind to destroy outback Queensland to appease the Greens and one would have to be a fool to not know that they know in their heart that THIS LEGISLATION WILL DESTROY agriculture in this state. Labour say their reasoning is science based , yet 40 years of foot slogging scientific field research done by their own scientists up and down the length of outback Qld is being ignored because it does not suit their political agenda. Dr Bill Burrows and Dr Ian Beal's work for the Government is available for the world to see – all you have to do is google their name - but because the results don't favour their agenda it is ignored . THIS IS FACT

Is my submission very personal? TOO RIGHT IT IS!. Don't you think this Legislation is personal? Of course it is.

By the slight of a pen, the outback of Queensland will slowly die by choking itself out (see attached photos 1 – 2 and thinned mulga photo 3) and the majority of its people will have to move towards the East coast to live. What farms are left will be run by large corporations and our beautiful native animals, having no one to protect them will die miserable deaths as they are already doing on the farms that have been locked up for carbon . (Carbon farming can be achieved via absent managers). The landscape which the farmers are so proud of and have worked so hard to maintain will self destruct over a very short time .

Do you realise that when this Legislation goes through and farmers reduce their core breeding herd stocking rates due to the fact that their available fodder area is reduced, it will take at least 10 years to get those numbers back – IF we had enough developed land to run them. You just can't go out and buy thousands of female cattle out of thin air. Once they are gone THEY ARE GONE!!! How are we going to feed our ever increasing population.

2.1 Population growth to continue

Queensland's population has been growing quickly and this growth is projected to continue. The medium series projection puts the state's population at approximately 6.6 million people by 2031. By 2056 Queensland's population is projected to be 9.1 million people, double the size of the 2010 estimated resident population (ERP). Even assuming low migration and low natural increase, the population will rise beyond seven million by 2056 (Table 2.1 and Figure 2.1).

SOURCE Australian Bureau of Statistics 3101.0 and 2011 edition Queensland Government population projections.

MORE PEOPLE LESS FOOD..... HIGHER LIVING COST. You don't need to be a scientist to know this.

I think we all realise all this is Legislation started because of the desire to lock up our Trees for carbon. I ask you this. Let's pretend this Carbon theory is correct. Ok so let's lock up all the trees in Queensland. What happens in a few year's time when there are not enough trees growing to counteract the carbon emitted by all the planes/cars/trucks etc in the city? What are you going to do then? At what point is someone going to realise we need to amend the life style that is producing the problem not attack the only lifestyle that can fix it?

Finally, I understand and accept(but not necessarily agree) that the Labour Government wants to honour its Election promise to reduce Broadscale clearing , but to delve into the MULGA LANDS and the Thinning and Fodder Code as well is NOT acceptable. I feel that this is a deliberate over regulation of the Mulga lands to make the carbon farming look attractive.

How do we educate our children to not bully when our own Government is blatantly bullying us?

I realise you have the power to publish this letter or not at your will but I hope you have the courage to let it stand for all to read and I also hope and wish that when you go to bed on that last night before you hand down your findings, you will know in YOUR heart you had the courage to stand up

to a Government that is making one of the worst decisions in Queensland History so that you can proudly look into your children/grand children's eye and say.....

I am a politician.....This legislation affects me



Thank you for your time.

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