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To: <u>SDNRAIDC</u>

Subject: SDNRAIDC COMMITTEE

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Dear Committee

The vegetation act you deem necessary is devastating to us, and for the last 20 year has caused thickening of savannah forest and scrub areas on OUR freehold property south west of Springsure, reducing our carrying capacity by 300 head.

We recently were granted a thinning permit a (road trip of an hour and half over rough roads to Emerald.)The new act or laws will stop or override the area given to thin making our time a worthless joke to people who think they know more about land management than us.

The drop in our carrying capacity has effectively stopped the employment of another person or family to assist... So we are working at an ever increasing age. I would say nearly every property would be working shot staffed except for large holdings who don't contribute to our local community. Springsure has not progressed as it should have in the last 20 years, in fact there are no banks there now.

Yours faithfully

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Sent from my iPad