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I would like to formally put my protest in for the proposed new tree clearing legislation. I guess that's the first problem...tree clearing. I too don't like large scale scaling with no replacement vegetation or clearing for the sake of clearing. What has been PROVEN to be beneficial to not only producers BUT the sustainability of the environment is strategic thinning.

If you could broaden and actually review OBJECTIVE data, you would realise that historical evidence shows a few things:

1. Our Indigenous ancestors regularly burnt country, now with Mulga, fire will actually kill it whereas a chain and dozer clearing, will not actually kill the Mulga.
2. There is a saying...kill a tree and watch 1000 come to it's funeral. Do you understand this concept? It means that all that clearing over the years will actually, if left unmanaged, overtake the land rendering it useless and if will eventually kill the trees anyway.
3. With proper management (which many, many producers are already undertaking) balance has been restored. You can't just STOP, it makes no sense on any level, financially or environmentally.
4. Mulga, it is actually a FODDER tree. Do you know what a FODDER tree does? It feeds livestock. By not allowing tree thinning for Fodder, you are leaving a lot of STARVING animals.
5. Models actually show by thinning and strip clearing, it actually increases carbon return and enhances the natural habitats.

You're legislation actually demonstrates how ignorant the government is on how this rural industry works. Do you think, for one second if we were causing so much degradation to our land how on Earth would we continue to make a living? If our pasture and vegetation are not working for us in a sustainably, environmentally and economical way, why would we stay?

We need trees, we need them for shade, for animals to shelter in and under and we need their flowers for bees. Trees, also help feed our livestock. Surely, if you look at the longevity of pushing Mulga to feed livestock and the amount of Mulga that is STILL there, thriving and growing, you don't need an environmental degree to see that the management style is working.

Why don't you bring Parliament out the BUSH and have a look before you make anymore disastrous decisions.

Regards  
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