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Submission opposing further restrictions on clearing Mulga (Acacia Aneura) for livestock fodder.

Dear Committee,

I am writing on behalf of my husband Ian and myself as both interested parties and as a rate paying residents of the Murweh Shire in the Warrego electorate.

I have lived in this Shire for forty years since I came to Charleville in Jan 1978 to complete my nursing training.

Ian has lived here for most of his 65 years. Until 2001 we lived on his family's sheep station east of Wyandra in some of the best 'mulga country' in the region.

In 1951, his father took photographs of the country around the homestead showing virtually no mulga. These photographs have been doing the rounds of social media so you may have seen them. If not, we have attached them for your interest.

Mulga is clearly a species that has invaded the SW in the last hundred years but it has been a benevolent invader and a wonderful source of fodder in drought.

That said, Mulga is detrimental to the country if not managed in just the same way that weeds are a garden pest. Clearing it judiciously enables the country beneath to regenerate, growing grasses and herbage that will not grow beneath thick, unchecked areas of Mulga.

We urge you to reconsider your push to restrict vegetation management in the Mulgalands and to appreciate the careful and viable vegetation management practiced by most landholders.

These restrictions will have devastating consequences for the region not just economically and socially as we're sure other submissions have outlined, but also environmentally as the little critters and fauna and birds that are attracted to well managed country will simply disappear.

You only have to visit appropriate areas on unchecked and on well managed country to see the difference.

We urge the Queensland Government to do everything it can to nurture and encourage infrastructure, production and population in rural and remote areas of the state and particularly in agriculture since it is one of the most viable and sustainable growth industries in the nation.

Yours sincerely  
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For IAN & ANNABELLE BRAYLEY

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## Mulga Invasion of Grassland "Wongalee", S.W. Queensland

