

Tree Clearing Legislation, another despicable attack by the Queensland Government to saddle farmers with so much regulation and taxes that they will be driven out of business, which is the real agenda of this Union/Green controlled government, who only obey rules they agree with, by their own admission, and no better example of this, is their Reverse Onus of Proof clause in the tree clearing legislation. This Stalinist move trashes a corner stone of our Common Law, which we inherited from England and the historic Magna Carta. Their legislation and mapping is based on pseudo science and manipulated data, which in the real world would be a criminal offence. The 2 week time frame allowed for consultation and submissions to the Committee, is sheer arrogance and contempt, and a blatant attempt to bulldoze legislation through our Parliament, with minimal input from the farmers and public. Will the consultation process be a genuine attempt by the government to listen to the public's concern? Or will it be a repeat of the Bligh consultation process during the forced Shire Amalgamations, when the then Treasurer, informed the meeting in Barcaldine, that it was a waste of time protesting, because the government had already made up its mind, then to add insult to injury, gave them the finger as he boarded the plane. Labor values on display in the birth place of the Union movement. Our protests will be civilized, in stark contrast to the Labor/Union/Green thugs and anarchists, who think it is appropriate to use foul language and threaten to rape women and children, and smash down the doors of Parliament.

#### QUOTES:

Sir Winston Churchill; "Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy, its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery."

King O'Malley, MP in the first Federal Parliament, described senior bureaucrats as "Gilt-spurred Roosters."

Alexander Solzenitsyn, Nobel prize winning Russian author of "The Gulag Archipelago," imprisoned for years in Siberia, lamented, "Why did I stay silent against oppression?"

Following is my family story, which I share, not for self promotion, but to play on the cult of status, real imagined or invented, and so beloved by too many, and to counter the common perception that we are all "Hicks from the Sticks," when in fact, we are many and varied, and love the land and our animals, and take great pride in producing and feeding the world with our beautiful, clean green produce

My family is a direct descendant of the Duke of Wellington on the English side, and Arland Usher on the Irish side, who was the first head of Trinity College, Dublin. These two branches produced my paternal Grandfather, who started Barkers Newsagency in Longreach, and was an original board member of QANTAS. His daughter married Alan Summerville, who became head of the Queensland Department of Agriculture, then appointed Agent General in London where he was knighted, on returning to Queensland he was appointed head of the Sugar Board. My maternal Grandfather, Sam Blackstock, from Dumfries in Scotland, managed Northampton Downs, a large grazing property in the Blackall district, for 40 years, and was Shire Chairman for many of those years. He left behind a legacy for his daughters to inherit, as his only son, a pilot in the RAAF, was shot down over the Mediterranean. My father was in the Army, and served in the Middle East and Greece, and my brother served in Vietnam. I have spent a lifetime on the land, managing and contract mustering and droving in the NT and Queensland, starting in the Territory, where my husband was involved in

the first chopper muster at Kidman Springs on Victoria River Downs. Two sons, one followed the horse and cattle route, and the other went the aerial route to a newsagency.

This is my submission, and I sincerely hope the Government will listen.

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