

## SUBMISSION

In providing this submission we have very firm beliefs as to how the proposed legislation should be handled.

We have **very strong opinions** on decisions being made by people sitting in an air conditioned office, who have absolutely **no idea** of what is happening out in the real world.

Land owners are the only people who know how to look after the land. It is their life, their income, their asset and above all, their estate to be passed down to future generations.

Supposing the land owner let his/her land be overgrazed and have absolutely no timber left to hold the soil together, then lost all the topsoil and created washouts and gullies in a big rain event on his property, he would have nothing left.

- He would no longer be able to graze sheep or cattle, or grow crops, so **no income**.
- Have an **unsaleable**, worthless asset.
- There would **nothing left** for his children to inherit.

In reality, is any of this likely to happen?

No, 99.9% recurring of all land holders are extremely conscious of their assets, and it is in their interest to look after the land to the best of their ability for many generations to come. They are in fact the **ONLY** people who are sufficiently qualified to decide on how to look after the land. They know how much can be safely cleared and how much to leave as nature refuges for our native animals, fire breaks, etc.


In the northern half of Australia, vegetation regrowth is very rapid and the country does not take so long to regenerate.

To continue to be able to feed the people of our wonderful country called Australia, then with the population increasing rapidly due to both our

current immigration policy and people generally living longer, we need to be able to clear sufficient land in an orderly manner to do so.

**Therefore we strongly recommend that these decisions be left to the people who know and understand the best practices for the best outcomes.**

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Signed:	
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