

## SUBMISSION

In providing this submission I refer directly to the key provisions of the legislation which may be amended.

### 1. Retaining Self Assessable Codes is vital for Graziers in South West Queensland

We are cattle producers in South West Queensland.

Our son & daughter, both married with children are also cattle producers in South West Queensland.

We all depend on sensible, workable regrowth management laws to feed our cattle & provide biosecurity in our country.

Lack of regrowth management leads to massive thickening of woody weeds causing grass & herbages to be choked out resulting in a monoculture of suckers & trees only.

The lack of grass causes erosion & the landscape under the trees represents a desert.

This desert is totally unproductive & loses the capacity to provide food for not only our domestic animals, (cattle, sheep & goats) but also native animals.

Animals left to graze in unmanaged mulga country lose condition, do not reproduce & if the country is left unattended, native animals will die from starvation.

We need sensible regrowth management laws that allow us to manage our properties in a way that provides a future for us, our family, the next generation & our native flora & fauna.

### 2. Retaining Self Assessable Codes is vital for the Communities in South West Queensland

It is essential for the community to have sensible, workable regrowth management laws.

Without such laws the rural community will not exist as we know it today.

If the Mulga is allowed to return to unmanaged Native forest there is absolutely nothing for animals to eat, domestic or native

The Mulga lands will go back to being an unproductive desert-like landscape with the land supporting very few stock & native animals which means there will be farming families & their employees lost to the Mulga belt of South West Queensland.

The ramification of these new laws will be widespread & very destructive.

Towns like Charleville, Quilpie, Cunnamulla, Bollon & St. George will feel a huge impact when there is very little money coming in from the rural sector. In fact, without a viable rural sector these towns will struggle to exist at all.

The implementation of these new vegetation management laws will lead to the demise of South West Queensland.

Does the Palaszczuk Government need the Green vote so badly that they are willing to sacrifice the livelihoods of so many people (both town & country) in South West Queensland?

### 3. Overview

It appears from our point of view, a beef producing family entering our 4th generation, that these new proposed vegetation management laws will make it virtually impossible for us to continue our business.

With all the droughts, floods & fires we have faced over the past 50 years these new laws will be the most detrimental that we have had to face.

I would like to hear from the Government what their forecast will be of the effect on South West Queensland over the next 20 to 50 years if these laws are invoked.

To invoke these laws the Government must have asked the question-

"What will the ramifications be?"

They must have an idea of -

- a. Cattle Production
- b. Sheep Production
- c. Goat Production
- d. Regional Town Sustainability
- e. Erosion Control

If assuming a lessening of production where will all the people go from the farms & towns?

### 4. Compensation

These new vegetation management laws will put a lot of businesses in South West Queensland out of business, both rural & town.



The compensation payable, to these businesses who have set up their businesses including loans under a certain set of laws only to find that later the government changes the laws to the detriment of their business making them unviable through no fault of their own, will be enormous.



It is OK for the government to say "No Compo" but class actions in the past have proven this may not be the case.

At the end of the day the government is still answerable to the courts.

Most business are built over a long period of time to comply within the laws of the day & are unable to change at short notice to comply with dramatic law changes that are detrimental to that business as is the case with these new proposed vegetation management laws.

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