

SUBMISSION

Dear Sir/Madam,

Our family operate a beef production business in the Fraser Coast and North Burnett Regions,

We love being farmers and it is our dream to continue being farmers, unfortunately we are being used as targets accused of ruining our great land, this great land we use every day to help feed the people of this great state.

I agree that there needs to be some vegetation management restrictions for high value forestry BUT I believe that the satellite imagery being used by the department is out dated and not true.

Our property L38 On CPLX824 is a freehold section surrounded by forestry lease, this freehold land was cleared thirty years ago, it was used for beef production, and was well managed during the last thirty years previous owners have not maintained the regrowth, in this time the state government using satellite imagery has coded our land to Pink high value regrowth in which we can not touch,

Please look at the image below,



This is what 400 acres of our freehold land looks like, the regrowth is just black wattle, no grass is able to grow or good standable timber. According to the government it is pink due to a wallom tree froglet which was sighted in an area 20km away because of this frog anything on the satellite that looked like where the frog was found turned to pink too, this land is unusable for anything in its current state it is a disgrace due to the governments vegetation management laws

I ask you to look at the image below now



This area was selectively cleared twelve months ago, we did not knock down every tree in the place, but we have pastured and rehabilitated the land to now hold water prevent run off water and to bring cover back onto the land, also making it able to be used to graze cattle in a rotation ensuring there is a body of grass remaining to hold the soil together.

Now this area is only 500meters from where the 'pink' zone is. If we were able to have government departments come out and visit and consult with landholders and inspect areas and work together to ensure the land is well looked after instead of using satellite imagery that is not true to character,

While checking the proposed new areas the area above that is now cleared and was white now shows up orange, proving that the satellite imagery is in correct.

When you look at the black wattle regrowth it is evident that nothing can live in the regrowth so there is no habitat at all.

Another Property we own Lot 68 on Plan SP223095 has also had area which has been re zoned to orange this timber is of no value and has no habitat due to the trees being unstable on the hill erosion is a big problem as grass is not able to grow under the canopy, self assessable applications in this case are a great asset to the landholder as we can selectively thin these trees and be able to ensure grass can grow back and support the soil on these ridges, these ridges also flow into an obituary which now erosion is becoming a problem. By tightening up these laws it is not making the landholders manage the land how it needs to be to protect it.

I encourage the members of parliament to come for a visit and see what farmers are talking about, we are not ruining the land as we need the land to ensure our business keep on going and that we can continue to be sixth generation farmers and our sons can carry on this great art and job of feeding the nation and continue as seventh generation graziers who nature there land so that it can give back to them.

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