From:
 SDNRAIDC

 To:
 SDNRAIDC

 Subject:
 SDNRAIDC Committee

 Date:
 Wednesday, 21 March 2018 4:28:30 PM

 Attachments:
 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SUBMISSION.docx

Please find attached our submission for your consideration in determining the long term impact and implications of ill conceived legislation to appease non-rural voters. The majority of these uninformed supporters have no investment or understanding of the land or the difficulty in maintaining productive farmlands. Perhaps the attached photos will show the extent that land can be degraded in a very short time frame.

Tim and Vicki Bell,



After 250mm of rain over a 4 week period (1st February 2018 to 21 March 2018), this is the response from a monoculture of 25 year old Whipstick Brigalow regrowth **<u>unstocked for 20 years</u>** and which has now been locked up as a vegetation offset area for the last 5 years.



Note: Swept bare eroded areas forming between Brigalow clumps contributing to sediment runoff, no groundcover and no moisture absorption whatsoever.

Second photo taken 50 metres away of the only grass in the same paddock which has no thick regrowth and the same "of life" treatment, an area of 50sq m in a 100ha paddock.



Easy to see which piece of country is contributing to the health of the soil and environment.

Adjoining neighbour's paddock which has been running 1 beast to 2 ha continuously with regrowth treatment over the last 50 years.



Every picture tells a story - one paddock contributes to the Queensland economy whilst the other is a refuge for feral animals and a major contributor to erosion and soil degradation which is at complete odds with the supposed purpose of the new regrowth management laws.