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The Native Vegetation Act criminalises ordinary farming activities, and for this reason alone it should be repealed.

Farmers are sick of being treated like criminals on their own property for engaging in productive activities that feed the hungry.

It has been stated by those lacking practical experience that The Vegetation Act does not significantly impact on the economic viability of the land. Any person making such a statement is in total ignorance of the grazing industry and property management. Trees have to be thinned to grow grass and if cattle are forced to stay in timbered areas they will become stunted. They need sunshine as well as high protein grasses for growth. If only a small area is cleared and the rest left, cattle will stay on the cleared parts till they graze it bare, once again impacting on the environment.

Farmers know more about the environment and conservation than the people making these childish laws.

The Native Vegetation Act is fundamentally bad. It is not about protecting vegetation it is about power, a fabrication of powerful people in high places. A panic tactic that will cause ordinary people to bite off the hand that feeds them -THE FARMERS.

Leave our farmers alone, let them get on with the job of feeding the world. They are an ageing people doing a thankless and burdensome job, with very few young people willing to take it on. Our farmers are honest hard working people who just want to get on with their business. Yet this Native Vegetation Act criminalises their livelihood. It is offensive and should be repealed.

If these people want farmers land they should pay for it, like anyone else who acquires land, and try working it themselves. Most assuredly we would all starve.

THROW IT OUT. ----- THE ACT CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED.

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