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To: EHPP Landscapes & Ecosystems Section Mailbox
Subject: Native Vegetation Regulation Review

Charles Thomas,

Dear Sir,

I am very disappointed in your review of the native vegetation regulations.

Firstly, to put up a proposal that has not worked previously, that has not changed in any meaningful way is disappointing and has not taken into account social and economical losses to individual farmer begs belief. This I believe is the core of the matter.

Let me ask you. What value do you put on native trees and grasses? This is where the laws are hurting farming families. People getting caught up in the tentacles of those laws, the stress of trying to make a living and keep within the law is tremendous. This fact was underlined at the Moree meeting on July 9th. Where is the justice when responsible farmers have done the right thing and are now being penalized either economically or end up in court.

Because of new farming practices, new plant varieties, new technology and new machinery, this country in the north of the state was evolving into new land practices at the time the laws were introduced, not vandalizing our country.

It seems to me, every time the government of the day want to do something they have a round of meetings and ask for submissions. The Department of Land & Water must have a thousand such submissions and yet you ask for more. No action is taken except that the laws have been tightened.

Why is it that thousands of acres of land can be uprooted for coal mining -that produce CO2 and is a procedure that has a limited life? I ask you again why individual farmers must pay the price when these laws should benefit the whole state?

I do propose that 15% of the state be left to native vegetation. The native vegetation on stock routes, reserves and public forests go to make up this 15%. If the people of Australia want more native vegetation then everyone should contribute to have that. private land set aside at commercial prices.

Yours faithfully,

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