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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I would like to put forward just a couple of thoughts with my own experiences relating to the above.

* Being able to only have 3 cropping cycles within a 15 year PVP I feel is too restricting. A landholder should be able to make the most of opportunities based on good decisions for his property, especially in the Western areas of NSW where opportunity cropping is available at times. Given the last two seasons we have experienced, should a landholder have already used their 3 croppings prior to these good seasons, then with the current legislation they would have to forgo the opportunity which has presented itself by nature.

* I once attended a meeting with another landholder who was negotiating his PVP with some representatives of the WCMA. This landholder asked if he could remove trees which were previously ringbarked, but had not died. He was told he could remove them, but it had to be done using the same method as was used initially ie: with an axe. He questioned if he could use a tractor, but told no. This is ridiculous and matters like these need addressing now, not in 12 months time when the review is more complete. A question I raised at this meeting was - when formulating a PVP is the sustainable and financial situation of the landholder taken into account. The response was "No, sustainable farming is not in the Act and the EOAM does not consider the landholder or the economics". This I found extremely hard to believe, given we are trying to encourage our youth to come back to the land.

I thank you for your time and hope the outcome of this review enables a balance between gov, the environment and landholders.

Kind regards, Ann Crossing, [REDACTED] Canbelego