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I would like to submit our current dilemma unfolding on our property on the south coast of nsw. Being current members of NSW FARMERS, we were surprised to find out how much support is lacking at no fault from the executive, but the draconian regulation concerning our future plans on our property. We have 250 acres which we purchased in 1988 for our retirement plans, as we are approaching that stage of our life we applied to have a meeting with a Catchment Officer on site. We intended to ship a load of alpacas from victoria to our property and required a permit to selective clear approx 5 acres for pasture growth and fencing. To our astonishment not only was that not allowed but even dead timber on the ground couldn't be touched. Considering nearly the entire property is heavily timbered we were gobsmacked at the request being denied. We then proceeded with the authorities lead to submit a proposal for what they called an offset allowance, they have come back with a proposal that we can proceed with our original plan in exchange for 80 acres in the middle of our property which will be locked up for 15 years. This proposal not only will compromise our layout plans and water requirements which we have invested heavily in dam construction, but obvious future expansion. We are very conscious of our environment and would abide by all request with regard to soil, vegetation and fauna. We have come to a brick wall which we cant climb over or get around, our future lies now in the hands of the NSW FARMERS ASSOC and some common sense brought back into the debate with the State Authoritys. We wait in anticipation that this situation state wide can be resolved soon otherwise our dream will fall away to nothing and we will have to put our property on the market.  
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