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**Native Vegetation Regulation Review**  
**Conservation Policy and Strategy Section**  
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Dear Sir/Madam,  
As a resident of NSW I am concerned about various aspects of the Native Vegetation Act and Regulations and propose various changes as below.  
Regards

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### **Submission on the Review of the Native Vegetation Regulation**

I am concerned about serious problems with the native vegetation laws.

I am concerned that the current Review has ignored major economic, social and environmental costs imposed by the Native Vegetation Regulation.

I am concerned that the proposed changes do not guarantee important protections for landholders and local communities. Protection of private property rights must be strengthened but the new proposals make no commitment in this regard. Government moves to erode property rights and devalue private land by rezoning are fundamentally unjust, divisive, and unsustainable. The NSW Government must reverse this unsustainability and respect private property rights by delivering on its commitments to protect the rights of landholders and restore the public's confidence in the Native Veg Act by:

1. Proactively moving to strengthen and protect private property rights and ensure that genuine **democratic sustainability, community participation and social cohesion, particularly involving effected landholders**, is the overarching objective of the new system.
2. Guaranteeing that the new system will be genuinely democratic and people centred and will bring to an end the adversarial and divisive nature of the present system. The Government must ensure that in transitioning to the new system, important private property protections are strengthened.
3. Environmental policies must be based upon genuine science and protections should be inserted to prevent any influence from environmental activist groups. Any environmental studies must be fully transparent and performed by independent scientists and include processes for effective local community engagement. Decisions must be based upon empirical science and democratic local community engagement.