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## To whom it may concern - Office of Environment and Heritage (NSW)

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

Following the numerous consultation meetings held state wide and the public disingenuous statements issuing from the Office of Environment and Heritage (NSW), I have grave concern regarding the current Review of the NSW Native Vegetation Regulation. This Review would appear to bypass the major impact economically, socialy and environmentally imposed by the Regulation and I contend that the Native Vegetation Act and Regulation should be repealed.

The Review should put great emphasis on the following points:

- Reduction in agricultural productivity.
- The increased bureaucratic costs both State and Federal in enacting, administrating and enforcing native vegetation laws.
- The actual effect of the Act and Regulation on biodiversity and native ecology - for example Serrated Tussock and African Lovegrass infestation on the Monaro.
- The cost to the farming community not only in lost production but compliance and refocus of resource allocation and also the number of rural small business supporting agriculture, industries, jobs and services lost due to the restrictions of the Act.
- Reduction in land values of that inpacted by Native Vegetation regulation, followed by equity loss for the owner of the land and rating value for Local Government already stressed to provide services and infrastructure to their rural communities.
- The destruction of normal legal principles arising from prosecution, entry onto private land and constitutional protection of property rights.
- The future requirement of agriculture to increase productivity to sustain the burgeoning world population.

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