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Subject: Re; Draft Native Vegetation Review Regulation

Background :My great, great grandfather was [REDACTED], selector, Oxley Peak (Cassilis Land District [REDACTED])....my son [REDACTED] was Senior Lecturer (Animal Production) Orange Ag; College (Uni of Sydney)....My other son [REDACTED] had a property outside of Tharwa NSW....Since arrival in this country in early 1860's my forebears and extended family have been directly associated with dairy and wool growing.

Changes lessening the requirements in safeguarding our agricultural and pastoral lands by further loss of native vegetation conveys how little the proponents of these proposed changes have learned. The stark lessons of past land care failure has brought some in our farming communities property and financial ruin but tragic loss of lives....Equally concerning the fact that some in the farming community would also resist from these lessons Scientific and practical evidence has repeatedly demonstrated that the most sustainable lands, broadacre and animal pastures produces the greatest benefits where there is thriving endemic native vegetation in balance ...Clearly, the healthier the ecological and environmental status of the land the greater it's resilience to degradation...

I have read the Draft Native Vegetation Regulation 2012 and do not agree with the assumption of cutting " green tape" will assist in the prosperity and sustainability of our agricultural needs....I read into much of this change the potential and real opportunism by some that would put our food source and their livelihoods at serious risk...A recent, blatant and illegal native vegetation clearance in west NSW is an example of the irresponsible attitudes.

My relative, [REDACTED] a farmer of Goulburn, had considerable stands of the native vegetation on his property and ensured his riverbanks were retained by trees....Both the Merriwa graziers and Goulburn farmers [REDACTED] were prosperous and there is no doubt it was in large part due to their understanding of sustainable land care and animal husbandry...I know from my own experiences and memories on both these properties also by the history and legends.

It is important to note that the Coalition's Direct Action Plan emphasises the role of trees and natural vegetation as important abatement policy for the commitment to reducing CO2 emissions to 5% below 2000 levels....This Draft Native Vegetation Review 2012 will be counter productive to the principle and practice of CO2 abatement by encouraging the planting of vast amounts of trees and native vegetation.....Is NSW to actively oppose a main plant in Coalition's Direct Action Plan ? Surely not.

Climate change will bring further challenges to farming communities and their role in society...Some of the challenges may not yet be envisaged which makes it all the more important "we" collectively accept that Nature is the ultimate arbitrator....

Considering the degraded state and limitations of much of our land it is illconceived and dangerous to permit this Draft Regulation to proceed.

Please accept this my objection to any changes to Native Vegetation Regulation .2003

Yours faithfully,

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