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To: EHPP Landscapes & Ecosystems Section Mailbox

Subject: Submission re Draft of the Native Vegetation Regulation 2012

I live in the Northern Rivers area in the Coastal Region of NSW. I have a covenant on my property with the Nature Conservation Trust of NSW but I am surrounded on 3 sides by neighbours who are almost continually poisoning native trees, cutting down native trees, clearing in riparian areas, building concrete causeways across the river, building new roads through the bush, and many other atrocities against the environment. And this is all happening in very important wildlife corridors, with threatened species and koala food trees present.

Whenever I have reported any of these activities absolutely nothing is done about it. And that is with the current legislation.

The proposed new legislation only makes it easier and legal for these red-neck farmers to clear even more land and obliterate even more wildlife.

The penalties for illegal clearing are not a deterrent at all. The fines should be increased tenfold and be enforced to have any effect.

Surely our native species have a right to live here too.

I was told the current legislation allows for clearing of 4metres either side for an external fence. I see no reason for increasing this distance to 6 metres either side - other than to allow bigger and heavier machinery into the bush to cause more damage to the environment.

There should be restrictions on where timber can be taken for building purposes.

I believe that all Koala food trees should be protected whether there has been koalas sighted there or not.

Surely the Department of Environment is supposed to look after the environment rather than the boys with their big damaging toys. Less red tape will unfortunately only mean more environmental vandals are validated.

Yours sincerely,

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