

To Whom It May Concern,

In relation to your review on the timber clearing in NSW, it would be a much more balanced environment if we didn't have people like you telling genuine farmers how to manage their property. The way the guidelines are set at the moment is just ridiculous. To place these guidelines in context, it would be like me walking into your house and forcing you to lock rooms and never be able to use them.

You have locked up forestry country as national parks, which should never be locked up. You think you are experts but in reality you are fools thinking this is helping our environment. All you are doing is making timber stagnant and stunting. More animals have been killed by these actions than by any farmer. At least farmers have got enough sense to leave shade lines and timber down by the water ways.

The country has never had as many big bush fires in 60 years, only since this locking up of country. It has caused all these problems, more animals get killed in these fires than by the actions of farmers. The Australian Greens Party has got a lot to answer for and I think you should be made accountable for your actions in killing endangered species of animals. The farmers should not be blamed. If you stopped and thought about it you would realize that farmers need an environment that is healthy in order to continue making a living. Lots of farmers have been in drought for the last 20 years and in that time the regrowth has got away because they have not had enough money to treat the it. Now under you guidelines this regrowth is too big to clear.

All you have done with this legislation is make criminals out of farmers who are just trying to make a living and contribute to the Australian economy. All this climate change is rubbish that you are trying to jam down our throats. If you listen to these so called experts (what makes them experts?) they will tell you that we need timber for the conversion of carbon dioxide, which is not true as timber only accounts for a small percentage. Grass and shrubs account for most of our carbon dioxide intake.

You tell us not to clear virgin scrub. As far as I'm concerned once country has been used it is not virgin (e.g. logged, pre cleared, rung barked). Virgin means never touched.

I have just given up two hours of my night to write this and am wondering why I'm doing it. Every other proposal that I have submitted seems to have fall on deaf ears. I hope I haven't wasted another two hours.

All we want is a system that is fair and rational. Not have people looking over our shoulders all the time when we get some money to improve our country. We don't want to knock down every tree.

Hope this helps.

Regards
Greg Hill