I wish to make a submission to the review on woody weeds and in our region,north west New South Wales the problem of cypress pine. Our top soil is our biggest asset and can not be compromised . We are constantly advised of stocking rates, rotational grazing, percentage of ground cover and ways to try to build top soil. This can only be achived if we can also manage our timber. Cypress pine has to be managed on our productive grasslands. This tree is becoming more detrimental to our top soil than any drought. Because of the lack of top soil and groundcover under these cypress pine forests, rain is not held, it can not infiltrate the ground and as a result stops the water cycle adding to dryer times and reduced creek flows.

