

Our family have been farming on the far North Coast for 3 generations. In all that time we have never been so over regulated as in the past 2 decades.

We are land owners. Not holders.

We have a duty of care which we take very seriously. Our land is intergenerational. We look after it so that our children and their children will experience the same life style as we have.

But with all the rules, regulations, and interference by the government, environmentalists and animal activists, have us questioning whether this is the life we want our children to lead.

Activists who enter onto properties and cause damage should be arrested and charged for all damages and loss of income. Harassment and bullying is not acceptable in today's society so why is it accepted from these people?

Die back from bell birds is now a major issue in our area, government over regulations on burning off has caused the destruction of hundreds of the iron barks and gum trees on our place, we have very few left.

There is also no accurate native vegetation data of Northern rivers trees and plants. Nor any definitive date or definition of old growth forest.

Farmers are leaving the land in droves, the pressure has mounted and many farmers are cracking under it. Just watch the news; this is only the tip of the iceberg.

Regards

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