Federal Government Public Inquiry into the Impacts of Native Vegetation and Biodiversity Regulations.

To the Inquiry.

After reading the questions to assist me, my reply needs to be answered in the way the system effects my situation.

I have a farm on the edge of the Pilliga State Forest New South Wales. (created by white man in less than 200 years). The main problem is the rapid regrowth of cypress pine (pokey eyed pine) and broad leaf box. The pine grows so thick it chokes out all other vegetation.

I feel we should be allowed to remove this woody weed without having the fear of retribution from government authorities.

On the matter of Native Vegetation and Biodiversity Regulations I feel education rather than prosecution would be the better way to go.

Most of the early clearing was, Government instigated as closer settlement blocks after the first and second world wars. and had to be cleared in order to fulfil the granting of the block.

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