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## Submission to enquiry into Native Vegetation Regulations

**Productivity Commission** 

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This submission is being made on behalf of Nuggety Landcare.

Our Landcare group was established in the early days of landcare by local farmers concerned to address local environmental problems.

As land managers, farmers appreciated the benefits of a healthy environment. However, there is increasing pressure on farmers to provide these benefits for the whole community while having to bear the costs of this privately.

Governmental plans to increase biodiversity must be in balance with the farmer's right to earn a living and to make appropriate management decisions over their land.

Where land is set aside to serve the aims of environmental health, there must be reasonable compensation to the farmer.

Teresa Corcoran Secretary