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As a submission to the Commission I will note my experiences brought about by the current legislation in NSW.

Example ONE:

- + Property farmed since 1930's
- + Normal practice after 4-5 years to spell for at least 10 years. Legislation prevents this.
- + this country using this cycle of farm management has produced northern hard prime wheat during the cropping stage of the operation (3 years). Then next stage was a grazing crop.
- + IMPACT of CURRENT LEGISLATION:

- *disruption of rotation

- * SOLUTIONS - continual mechanical disturbance of the soil with insufficient rest periods RESULT - negative environmental input, soil impact, need to uptake use of fertilizers and chemicals [not used previously due to positive impact of rotation]

- cease cropping RESULT - loss of income in the vicinity of \$80,000 per annum, increase in weeds therefore need for uptake of use of chemicals for weed control - previously native pasture stage of rotation acted as control mechanism

Example TWO:

- + construction of levee bank flood protection held up by bureaucrats

RESULTS:

1998 floods loss of 2000 head sheep valued by agent at \$60 per head

2000 flood loss of 300 acres barley, 100 acres oats and 40 head cattle [estimated value per head \$500]

ESTIMATED TOTAL LOSSES due to necessity to protect 5 Coolabah trees in an area of 2500 acres of Coolabah forest.

SHEEP	\$120,000
CATTLE	\$ 20,000
BARLEY	\$ 87,000
OATS	\$ 18,000
TOTAL:	\$ 245,000

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