

NSW
14th July, 2003.

Dear Michelle

RE; The Productivity Commission Enquiry.

In general, Farmers are sick of all the legislation, by both sides of Politics, bought in by people who have nothing to do with Agriculture and knowing little about the repercussions they will cause to farmers and the general Community..

These people, mainly, Politicians, Media and Minority Groups bring in much of this Legislation to 'grand stand' and satisfy their own egos.

We feel there are a number of people with-in country Communities who can solve the issues needing attention given the opportunity. These people have lived and worked in the Rural Communities for a lifetime.

The well organised Landcare Groups are a good example of this. Many of these Groups have achieved great results for their area by working together on the particular problem for that area.

It seems to us that Politicians are now trying to disban Landcare. We wonder why this is?

Farmers have paid for their land, paid rates and taxes since closer settlement took place. The Government of the day took their money in good faith so why now does the Community think They own the farms.

It has been quoted that Farmers in N.S.W. HAVE 56 PIECES OF Environmental Legislation that they must adhere to on a daily basis. This legislation has been created, mainly, by people outside the industry. Does any other industry have to work under these conditions?

How would these people who bring in this legislation like it if they were working in their own homes, minding their own business, when someone walks in and confronts them about what they are doing. This is what is happening to Farmers on THEIR OWN land. Public Servants are climbing the farm fences to accost farmers ploughing their own fields, to push some of these outrageous legislations.

What has happened to our rights to privacy. Does anyone else have to explain why they do something on/in their own property.

If the Public want to run our farms, they should pay to own it at the current market value like the Farmers had to.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our views about what is happening to our industry. We hope many people will participate in this so that things on the land may become more equable for everyone.

Yours faithfully

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