

SUB DR. 291

A further submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into the Impacts of Native Vegetation and Biodiversity Regulations following availability of the Draft Report.

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One feels sorry for the productivity Commission Inquiry which must have a sore bum from the severe bout of fence sitting endured while compiling the Draft Recommendations.

Is the Commission really so blind that it cannot see that the outcome of these recommendations, if adopted, will be even more bureaucracy heaped upon the festering pile already in existence!

In its deliberations why was the balance scale of justice left off the Commission's table?

Why was the dycotomy indicator which separates right from wrong left in the cupboard?

We had thought the Commission might offer some hope to those of us oppressed by ideologically spawned legislative bastardy.

Were we wrong?

We cannot see where the Commission found anything that would cause it to make the recommendation (Draft recommendation 6) “provision of education and extension services to demonstrate to landholders the private benefits of sustainable practices”.

Are we right in suspecting that the Commission has such a low opinion of the intelligence of rural landowners that it assumes that they have not already worked this out for themselves?

Has this insulting view, demonstrated by the Commission, coloured its findings in other areas of this Inquiry?

Why does not the Commission recommend that politicians, bureaucrats and the assorted gaggle of tax payer funded, economically illiterate, green groups be, “provided with education and extension services to demonstrate” the deleterious impacts of their ignorant intrusion into the lives and well being of those who have innocently, and in good faith, invested life savings in farmland for the purpose of genuine economic and social sustainability?

A recurrent theme within this Inquiry appears to be a desire to interpret the motives of others (see page 23). Instead of the Commission concerning itself with what rural landowners with native vegetation might, or might not, be doing, and why, why not look at the activities of urban landowners with completely cleared land with the living earth entombed in concrete and bitumen?

These are the people demanding more and more consumer goods, mostly imported (thus impacting on balance of trade) throw away trash.

Page 24 suggests funding research into the benefits of native vegetation.

Can there be any doubt as to the benefits of native vegetation, just as there can be no doubt as to the benefits to all provided by the production of primary resources made possible by the clearing of native vegetation.

If money for research is being thrown around it should be directed to the reduction of the need for consumables!

The best way to promote the retention of native vegetation is to reduce the demand for products which can only be produced as the result of land clearing.

We suggest you might start with the fact that most Australians eat far too much! And most of these people are spending too much time gazing into imported computer screens.

Having clearly wasted my time and effort making submissions to this inquiry I shall again take up my begging bowl and return to the queue at Centre link.

Meanwhile, our politically created “non viable” farm which contains more native vegetation and biodiverse integrity than probably all our neighbours (for which we are rewarded with financial ruin) is blanketed under dust from road trains rumbling past with massive loads of wealth produced on the all-cleared land of those aforementioned neighbours.

Wealth to provide taxes to pay the salaries and perks of politicians and fat cats.

Wealth to provide grants and funding for countless gaggles of chlorophyll blinded “do-gooders”.

And, it must not be forgotten, wealth to fund endless array of obtuse inquiries, such as this!

The Commission will be familiar with the quotation:

‘for evil to succeed it is enough that good men do nothing’

Unless there is radical change in the Commission’s Recommendations the only conceivable outcome will be a big smile on the face of evil and what oppressed native vegetation afflicted landowners supposed (perhaps wishfully) were a posse of good men will prove but a mirage with a band aid on its bum!

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