NSW Farmers Association

Please describe how native vegetation and biodiversity/threatened species laws have impacted on your:

Farming practices (your day to day operations)

Negatively impacted. The division between theoretical models and experience creates uncertainty for the future and also in what we do on a day to day basis. Our ability to carry out some day to day tasks is threaten..... via the risk of litigation or loss on investments

Productivity (ability to develop existing or new land)

Certainly limited out ability to develop or put improviser structures in the land. Also created a lot of uncertainty to the future about how we manage our land. Even improving land that is already cleared is a issue.

Sustainability (the ability to improve your land and the environment)

The laws and acts create a split between the environment and me as a producer. We feel they are based on theoretical modeling that are narrowly focused on specifics rather than experience and wholistic management. We certainly wish to preserve and secure our future as it is our life on the land, however we are always negatively portrayed in the face of media.

Property vales and returns

Negative impact. It limits or creates uncertainty about what we can and can't do via legislation. Other than our own sustainability of our land there is no major financial incentives or returns in the new act.

Investment patterns (either on- or off-farm)

Certain asset values are dropped or threatened, also return on investments due to the certainty of their future or whether we will be able to continue to carry on with them like we plan, put a lot of uncertainty on them.

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