

NSW
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Association

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

Farming practices (your day to day operations)

I see these laws affect my type of property because it is basically grazing and not intensely developed. I feel I am being penalised for looking after my land. Neighbouring properties are not affected because they are intensely developed to the extreme. If such laws are enforced, due compensation must apply for years of good management.

Productivity (ability to develop existing or new land)

It has hindered developing grazing that is more productive per hectare. Through intermitted cropping the introduction of a more diverse plant species is possible thus lifting year round production,

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

My ability to regenerate plant coverage on land that has been denuded by severe winds in the recent drought. Also, under the proposed laws, I am unable to plant trees to help stop the effect of further wind erosion.

Property values and returns

If the present proposed laws that affect land use be applied, it will render my land a single use property making my ability to diversify when that commodity has a downturn. Thus halving current land values and giving a case for reduced rates and reduced revenue for the local council and, in turn, the local community.

Investment patters (either on- or off-farm)

Investment will be put only into land that has no likelihood of being affected by these laws giving imbalance in all rural communities. Even to my farm situation that great consideration will be given to development that it will be only on the portion of my farm that is lesser chance to be affected by such change in these laws.

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