NSW Farmers Association

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

Farming practices (your day to day operations)

We run sheep, cattle and prime lambs. We need to turn off our stock in pristine condition which means continual pasture improvement and development.

Productivity (ability to develop existing or new land)

Our property is not a national park, we do not receive any subsidies to compensate us for government intervention in the running of our enterprise. I detest intervention of do-gooders interfering with our operations.

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

Where have our freehold rights gone. Our properties are not Crown Leases. We are governed by world markets where subsidies are rampant but where is help from our government. None. Only more restrictions and paper work!!

Property vales and returns

If farmers have been such bad land managers why is there so much threatened species still existing on private land?

Investment patters (either on- or off-farm)

If the area the National Parks control was owned by farmers, and the owners managed it exactly the same way as National Parks, how many would still own their deeds after the bushfires, which I might add the farmers have been warning about for years.

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