

NSW  
Farmers  
Association

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

*Farming practices (your day to day operations)*

Because of low returns in most sectors of Primary Industries – in particular stock industries, these measures have not had the impact they may have had.

*Productivity (ability to develop existing or new land)*

However, you cannot control weeds, or increase productivity without going through red tape & ... from government agencies (& councils) that no longer have an understanding of the land. ... government agencies that cooperated with farmers for the good of everyone now display enmity.

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

Some land can be worked – some can't. So weeds etc can't be properly controlled. They ... from where you can't touch some native vegetation and the worst weeds – not acknowledged by the armchair experts.

*Property values and returns*

No loss of value in this area, because the city experts come and spend their ill gotten money to buy out frustrated farmers – they don't have to make a living off the land. But they create enormous problems when they have to abide by the rules of a rural lifestyle.

*Investment patterns (either on- or off-farm)*

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