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

Farming practices (your day to day operations)

Taking away the full potential of property, by not letting us selectively clear the remaining regrowth that in turn is affecting \our retirement superannuation plans. A real worry.

Productivity (ability to develop existing or new land)

If greens and conservationists get their way it would be impossible to survive in the short term and in the long term all this beautiful productive country will be overtaken by regrowth of woody weeds.

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

With the woody weeds that are left on uncleared country there is no ground cover, so therefore the country is wasting and eroding dramatically.

Property vales and returns

Conservatively cleared country in this area is worth around \$100/acre. Plus you can make a fair return of cleared country, nothing of uncleared country.

Investment patters (either on- or off-farm)

Hard question. 3 years of drought has used up money put aside and taken a large bite out of the property value. So the investment side at this stage is over the horizon somewhere, we hope.

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