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To The Standing Committee on the Natural Resource Management.

A* In N.S.W we appear to have too many biased committees making decisions for the farming community. eg. Richmond River Veg Management committee was not a "fair or balanced committee". Government employees were allowed to vote, we had "radical" greens & there was at no time ~~genuine~~ genuine public consultation.

* It is confusing as to whether DIPNR (DLWC) is an advisory or a regulatory board (needs clarification) - can't be both.

* Blanket rules over the state do not work, we need area by area. Rules set by vested interest groups. All problems should be solved within their own areas. If Sydney has a problem dont fix it up here!!

* The Government has not guaranteed us the use of our trees on our freehold land - it is a renewable resource & if maintained can be selectively logged continuously without affecting the ecological sustainability of our land, while still being a valuable resource.

B. * Committees need to be made up of vested interest groups with scientists & Government employees as advisors only.

* We need an advisory group - such as the old soil conservation (no authority but very knowledgable).

* The Government should not be dictating what goes on freehold property, let us run our own pieces.

C/D Water & land should not be split. It is one entity. People should be allowed a "reasonable" amount of water usage & be encouraged to put in tanks & dams for domestic use.

P.S. Consultation with experienced, practical farmers will be extremely beneficial to all concerned.

Thanking You.
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