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We are writing to express our concerns with the NVR map, especially the category 2 - sensitive land regulation, or "pink zone".

The West Wyalong Landholders Right to Farm Group met recently and were shown the inaccuracy of the mapping imagery used by the regulator compared to footage taken with a high resolution drone. This is causing wrongful accusations of illegal land clearing against some local farmers, with very intimidating letters and visits from inspectors. There has been no ground proofing of the maps.

We are also concerned that the "pink zone" is now being valued by banks and real estate agents at \$0/Ha. reducing our equity and our ability to sell in the future, while we are still expected to maintain and pay rates on this area without the ability to earn any income from it. We estimate our loss of equity to be approx. \$250,000 to \$300,000.

We were made aware that it was a study done between 2004 and 2006 (at the height of the millennial drought) that recommended the Mallee, Mallee broombush ecological community be placed in the critically endangered ecological community (CEEC) zone and also suggested that it would become extinct within 10 years, almost 20 years later and nothing done by governments and this ecological community is thriving, we firmly believe a review of this ecological community is long overdue.

The eucalyptus oil (Mallee) and brush fencing panels (Mallee Broombush) industries have been sustainably harvesting these products for over 100 years without any loss of either species.

We currently have approx. 10% of our property covered by the "pink zone" ; some of that is what we have voluntarily fenced off to preserve and other parts we have harvested, which is continually regrowing, **not clearing**. Our estimated loss of income is approx. \$2000 to \$3000 per annum.

A further 10% of our farm is under the yellow zone, which we fear may become pink at the whim of some bureaucrats discretion.

As regenerative farmers, we care about our land and our environment and strive to improve our farm to the best of our ability, we are not the enemy, we wish to work with the government for the best outcome for all involved.

regards, Alan and Linda Clarke