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To Natural Resource Commission

Submission on the Native Vegetation Regulatory Map and the Local Land Services Act

Introduction:

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Native Vegetation Regulatory Map and the Local Land Services Act, specifically in relation to the Mallee Broombush industry. While I understand the importance of environmental conservation, I strongly believe that the current regulatory framework is overly restrictive and fails to account for the complexities of the industry.

Background:

The Mallee Broombush industry has been a significant contributor to the local economy, providing employment opportunities and promoting sustainable land management practices. However, the Native Vegetation Regulatory Map and the Local Land Services Act have imposed unnecessary restrictions and regulations on the industry, threatening its viability.

Concerns:

- 1. *Over-regulation*: The Native Vegetation Regulatory Map and the Local Land Services Act are overly restrictive, stifling innovation and limiting the industry's ability to adapt to changing market conditions.
- 2. *Lack of consultation*: The development and implementation of the regulatory framework have been criticized for lacking adequate consultation with industry stakeholders and local communities.
- 3. *Unintended consequences*: The restrictions on broombush harvesting have lead to consequences, such as increased weed invasion, reduced biodiversity, and decreased ecosystem resilience.
- 4. *Inadequate mapping*: The Native Vegetation Regulatory Map fails to accurately reflect the complexities of the Mallee Broombush industry, leading to incorrect classifications and unnecessary restrictions.

Suggestions:

- 1. *Review and revise the regulatory framework*: Conduct a comprehensive review of the Native Vegetation Regulatory Map and the Local Land Services Act, incorporating feedback from industry stakeholders, local communities, and environmental experts.
- 2. *Implement flexible and adaptive management*: Develop management plans that allow for flexibility and adaptability in response to changing environmental conditions and market demands.
- 3. *Support sustainable land management practices*: Provide incentives and support for landholders and industry stakeholders to adopt sustainable land management practices, such as regenerative agriculture and ecosystem restoration.
- 4. *Improve mapping and classification*: Develop more accurate and nuanced mapping and classification

systems that reflect the complexities of the Mallarrigral Broombush industry.

Conclusion:

The Native Vegetation Regulatory Map and the Local Land Services Act, in their current form, are overly restrictive and fail to account for the complexities of the Mallee Broombush industry. I urge you to consider the concerns and suggestions outlined in this submission and work towards developing a more balanced and sustainable approach to land management.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

Gaye M Wheatley Sent from my iPhone

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Natural Resource Commission

Dear Commissioner

Regarding the Local Land Services Act 2013

I am writing to express my strong objection to the provisions of the Local Land Services Act 2013, specifically those related to the Mallee-Mallee Broombush, which have resulted in the erosion of landowners' rights to use their land.

As a landowner in NSW, I am deeply concerned that the Act's provisions have arbitrarily restricted my ability to manage and utilize my property. The Mallee-Mallee Broombush regulations have effectively taken away my rights to use my land for legitimate purposes, without providing adequate compensation or recourse.

I assert that these provisions contravene the fundamental principles of property rights and due process, as enshrined in the following documents:

- 1. *Magna Carta (1215)*: Article 39 protects individuals from arbitrary seizure of property, ensuring that landowners cannot be deprived of their property without due process.
- 2. *English Bill of Rights (1689)*: Article 12 prohibits the seizure of property without compensation, safeguarding landowners' rights to just compensation for any takings.
- 3. *Common Law*: The concept of "fee simple" ownership, developed through common law, ensures that landowners have absolute ownership and control over their property.
- 4. *Australian Federal Constitution*: Section 51(xxxi) empowers the Commonwealth to acquire property on just terms, protecting landowners' rights to fair compensation.

Furthermore, I argue that the Local Land Services Act 2013 has failed to provide adequate safeguards for landowners' rights, as required by the following principles:

- 1. *Due process*: The Act's provisions have not provided landowners with a fair and transparent process for decision-making, nor have they ensured that landowners are not deprived of their property without just compensation.
- 2. *Judicial protection*: The Act has limited landowners' access to judicial review, making it difficult for them to challenge decisions affecting their property rights.
- 3. *Limitations on government power*: The Act has granted excessive powers to the government, allowing it to arbitrarily restrict landowners' rights without adequate checks and balances.

In light of these concerns, I respectfully request that the NSW Government:

- 1. *Repeal or amend* the relevant provisions of the Local Land Services Act 2013 to ensure that landowners' rights are protected and that due process is followed.
- 2. *Provide compensation* to landowners who have been affected by the Act's provisions, in accordance with the principles of just compensation.

3. *Establish a review process* to ensure that landowners have access to fair and transparent decision-making processes.

I believe that these measures are necessary to restore the balance between the government's regulatory powers and landowners' rights. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this matter further and explore solutions that uphold the principles of property rights and due process.

Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioner

The Acts Purposes and Consequences

The NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and Local Land Services Act 2013: Concerns for Mallee and Broombush

The NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and Local Land Services Act 2013 were enacted to conserve and protect native plants, animals, and ecosystems in New South Wales, Australia. However, concerns have been raised about the impact of these Acts on mallee and broombush, which are not thriving under the current management and care.

Concerns

- 1. *Lack of recognition for local expertise*: The Acts do not recognize the expertise and experience of local landowners who have been managing and observing mallee and broombush for years.
- 2. *Inadequate management*: The Acts' focus on biodiversity conservation has led to inadequate management of mallee and broombush, which are not thriving under the current care.
- 3. *Over-regulation*: The Acts' regulations have created an unnecessary burden on landowners, who are already managing their land in a way that is consistent with their local knowledge and expertise.

Specific Concerns related to Mallee and Broombush

- 1. *Impact on mallee and broombush harvesting*: The Acts' regulations have affected the harvesting of mallee and broombush, leading to economic losses for those involved in these industries.
- 2. *Restrictions on land clearing*: The Acts' restrictions on land clearing have impacted farmers and landholders who rely on clearing land for agricultural purposes.
- 3. *Lack of recognition for traditional land management practices*: The Acts' focus on biodiversity conservation has not recognized the importance of traditional land management practices, such as coppicing and weed management, which are essential for maintaining the health and productivity of mallee and broombush trees.

Call to Action

We urge the withdrawal of the Local Land Services Act's provisions related to mallee and broombush, as they are not effective in achieving their intended purpose. Additionally, we believe that the Biodiversity Conservation Act does not apply in this situation, as the purpose of the Act is already being met through the local expertise and management of landowners.

Conclusion

The NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and Local Land Services Act 2013 have created unnecessary concerns for mallee and broombush. We believe that the local expertise and management of landowners should be recognized and respected, and that the Acts should be revised or withdrawn to reflect this. Sent from my iPhone

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Re Mallee Broombush LLS Act affecting landowners in the West wyalong District

Dear commissioner

I am writing to express my deep concern and surprise upon discovering that my land, which includes mallee and broombush vegetation, is listed as a potential site for carbon credit generation on the government's credits near me. As a landowner, I was not aware that my property was being considered for such purposes, and I am appalled by the lack of transparency and communication regarding this matter.

I understand that the government has initiatives to promote environmental conservation and reduce carbon emissions. However, I believe it is essential to respect landowners' rights and obtain their informed consent before utilizing their properties for carbon credit schemes. I request clarification on how my land was selected and what implications this designation may have for my property rights and management decisions.

I would appreciate it if you could provide me with detailed information on the following:

- 1. The specific program or initiative under which my land is being considered for carbon credits.
- 2. The methodology used to determine the carbon credit potential of my land.
- 3. Any potential benefits or obligations associated with participating in this program.
- 4. The process for opting out or removing my land from consideration if I so choose.

As a landowner, I assert my rights to manage my property in accordance with my own values and priorities. I request that you take immediate action to either remove my land from the carbon credit program or initiate a dialogue with me to discuss the implications and potential participation in such initiatives.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon. As part of the mallee broombush Act that has affected West Wyalong could you please address this matter for me in your Advisory position to the government

Sincerely,

Gaye Wheatley