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I purchased a very rundown 5 acres with two very old houses on it.  
I renovated these houses....mainly by using cost effective 2nd hand building materials sourced locally.  
Fast forward a few years and both the suppliers of this material HAVE BEEN CLOSED DOWN BY LOCAL GOVT .

I have planted 100's of trees....native to the area....however cattle from adjoining properties have trashed many of these trees due to inadequate fencing. The owners don't seem to care and despite my repeated complaints nothing has ever been done.

The Richmond River forms the boundary between my small property and the enormous dairy opposite.  
The owners are apparently multi millionaires yet there is no evidence of erosion control, weed control or sustainability.

After rain the river resembles thick coffee....so bad is the sediment flowing from eroded riverbanks caused my lack of trees and cattle wandering up and down the banks.

It's surely widespread environmental vandalism.

There seems no incentive to plant trees....and certainly no penalty for fouling the river water on a huge scale.

Lastly, huge pumps running 24 hours a day.....7 days a week drain the river...to water paddocks where there is often no shade at all for the long suffering cattle .

It's simply appalling.

Please take action to stop this ongoing environmental vandalism.

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