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**INQUIRY INTO MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC LAND IN  
NEW SOUTH WALES**

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***I dedicate this submission to our multicultural Bushmen many of which have passed on and taken more knowledge of the Australian ecology than has been contributed by much of the science fiction that deposed them unjustly from their calling. These families were fully committed to Australia such many fought and died in horrific wars or returned maimed for life to find their mountains confiscated 'salvation for cremation.' The process of confiscation underhand and abuse of public office as rural communities were publically misrepresented, vilified, isolated and discriminated against. Those that gave willingly so much.***

***Some bushmen were fortunate not to have seen their worst fears realised by the dingo delivered no graze policies fed and bred on the wildlife bushmen took great pleasure in recovering populations. The chronic fire suppression policies the deliberate accumulation of toxic flammable litter and aggressive understorey. Others were not so lucky witnessed the mass extinction and horror. Avoidable yet belligerently delivered and still nothing has changed policy. 3000GI reformed from irrigators and down stream users. Water likely not now yielded off our abused public lands.***

***The Eastern Ranges Initiative is to be an extension of the same abomination by the same cult following all about what the environment can do for 'me' not what I can do that the environment needs.***

## ***PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT SUBMISSION***

### ***Terms of Reference***

1. The conversion of Crown Land, State Forests and agricultural land into National Park estate or other types of conservation areas, including the:
  - a. Process of conversion and the assessment of potential operational, economic, social and environmental impacts
  - b. Operational, economic, social and environmental impacts after conversion, and in particular, impacts upon neighbours of public land and upon Local Government
  - c. That the following cases be considered in relation to Terms of Reference 1(a) and 1(b): River Red Gum State Forests in the Southern Riverina, Native Hardwood State Forests in Northern NSW, Yanga Station in the Balranald Shire, and Toorale Station in Bourke Shire.
2. The adherence to management practices on all public land that are mandated for private property holders, including fire, weed and pest management practices.
3. Examination of models for the management of public land, including models that provide for conservation outcomes which utilise the principles of "sustainable use".
4. Any other related matters.

## ***QUICK POINTS***

A) The process of conversion of crown lease forest or grazing lease has been a white wash in terms of genuine public consultation with the best interests of the public land public asset in mind. Lessees largely have been denied natural justice by rights of reply and equality in scientific input into establishing claims of threat and damage.

In the indecent haste with which tenure is altered from local community management to public mismanagement issues or obligations of land managers once defined legally binding entities fall into a legislative and legal nebula where no one is accountable or responsible for the outcomes, depreciation and loss. The obligations of land managers for

**Fire risk**

**Weeds Pest Animals**

Have not been budgeted for or dealt with other than through unbudgeted for glib good neighbor policies, public meetings without minutes, platitudes and empty promises, various parliamentary enquiries which have led to little reversal of the downward spiral, commissioned science fiction legitimizing doing nothing or busy expensive research work dealing with indecision and incompetence at vast public expense and generating liability on the land accumulating fire risk and pest species at the expense of positive values of conservation, water amenity, sustainable fire safe forest....

For example Bob Carr confiscated 300 parcels of land and I believe none went through the Planning Act to receive correct land use change dealing with implications for fire and pest species among other matters. Neighboring farmers and community volunteer fire fighters, fire insurance premiums are forced to work to compensate for the Gaia wilderness cult by default.

B) Confiscated land has liability increase as explained above eroding regional productivity viability of neighbors channeling resources into escaping fire impact, weeds, wild dogs, flood fire drought damage unable to be prepared for and displaced wildlife kicking down fencing, pasture, fodder crops..... Closure of infrastructure. National park forestry is non rateable, land crown lease and freehold is. Implications for local government. Tourism brings in negative impacts, road traffic no funding, thefts and trespass, disruption, anti rural community section of community, sabotage equipment, farming activity, theft litter, abuse of vehicles wreckcreating tracks, growing illegal drugs, alcohol abuse ..... Remote areas no significant policing.

C) the Snowy experience indicates security for native species conservation, water food security employment security funds for up keep of infrastructure is not delivered. Government is lied to by our public paid staff. Climate change blamed, not management change for the inferno, the loss of species, loss of water... Bureaucrats are the environmental lobby conflict of vested interest. They are the tourists exclusive access to beauty spots worn out, Government goes and buys them a new one to buy their votes next election leaving a depreciated shell in their wake. Fishing, timber, service towns are gutted and abandoned for enterprise and self employment. The Yanga, river red gum, Toorale, Pilliga and many mountain extensions are a diabolical environmental, economic and social outcome for a frivolous political buying of votes with public assets hobby jobs and created careers. The liability grows as money found for a dysfunctional hobby farm for a few alternates is public money by the many millions of dollars not going into schools, universities, archaic inadequate energy and transport infrastructure, health, communication development of sunrise industries to deal with less water more people and other issues.

D) Sustainable use I believe was very close to being in place with crown land lessees where they were legally bound to deliver certain outcomes, cost recovery conservation, where timber was used out of thinnings on a rotational basis one tree on a hectare taken where there were 50 comfortably stocked in high rainfall areas. That's a 50 year rotation and paying for fire risk mitigation, weeding, security, pests. Understorey was suppressed height and density such biodiversity persisted, complex habitat but mature trees were protected from hot fire canopy burn, run off and percolation optimal in a forests created by megafauna and cool fire applied latterly by Aboriginal people proactively to retain biodiversity water thoroughfare .... Grazing with megafauna sheep, cattle, horses, goats managed stocking enhances water catchment values reinvigorated habitat for native plants and animals by replacing megafauna that died out only 6000-30000 years ago. Native plants and animals congregate on megafauna lawns. Given international observations. Inconvenient notion apparently for our clandestine exclusive scientists wanting unopposed access to public lands, public research funding.

The crown land lease model is hard to beat as people ***work for self interest and reward***. If that self interest and reward is positive for the land, water, public assets then that is the win win. If promises are not delivered then there is no law in place to protect the public asset as national park. Crown leases can be tailor made for local conditions specified outcomes and obligations. Evangelical statements do not manage land or water. The difficulty with reopening crown lease now is viability given the level of liability accumulated since national park took over. Pest species fire hazard, loss of value timber burnt, grasses killed by mountains of mulch for decades and inferno X1,X2+. Burnt the top soil, seed, depreciated water.... The longer national park city water catchment the longer more expensive to retrieve and other innovations required to interface such as 'biofuel harvest' of 9 trees in ten to reinstate open forest that you can cool burn, graze, gentle back to ideal fire safe vegetation structure and mix. Depending on the length of time since 'salvation for cremation' retrieval may take decades. Cost effectively may take 3-15 years elsewhere given resources made available. The longer it is left the bigger the public liability accumulated and less likely for complete recovery or rapid sympathetic recovery. More inferno the less likely we have enough to work with gone in mass extinction events.

"Sustainable use" is a buzz word trickling down from Rio treaties. This is overdue for open informed debate in Australia what is the interpretation of "sustainable." Lower socioeconomic groups living in rags and paid for sexual sterilization while the pretty people breed the children and live like kings cherry picking the worlds resources and go where they please? The lower classes will be educated to be content with their diminished lot.

Our family has lost the right to farm, forest harvest, fish because remote ill informed boffins thinks (s)he knows better or want to wedge their expertise into the food chain. Our entire political financial and social system is being questioned by stealth. Not good enough. Australia has in the last 200 years of bloody trauma and suffering from the pits of a penal colony installed a level of human rights and environmental responsibility and we are not going to give that away on a platter to blow ins with naïve ideas. The current round of governments across Australia are being performance tested. We care about our national and public assets.

### ***Authors Background & Location***

I have tertiary qualifications in the fields of science and agriculture and have worked for some years in research with CSIRO before returning to the family farm to raise a family and join various committees and boards to try and deal with dingo impact on wildlife ecology, economics and emotions of regional farm families across SE Australia. Over the last 16 years I have researched many aspects of the Australian ecology continental drift, climate change, paleontology, among contemporary thought while educating family and assisting on farm during drought, fire, flood. We have been obstructed from anticipating impact from these events of drought, flood, fire and mitigating effects by proactive management. The **wilderness cult** has created careers out of self inflicted chaos. Government has a habit of funding failure not succe\$\$\$. Private enterprise looks to mitigate risk and failure if stupid legislation was not now inhibiting the activities of law abiding citizens.

Our family has been living and farming the high country of Southern NSW since 1834. Much well managed leasehold land has been confiscated off our and other families to furnish the political and bureaucratic careers of others claiming kudos from others work and achievements. We returned 'megafauna lawns,' recovered wildlife, quality reliable water supplies, biodiverse vegetation, low fire risk, low incidence of pest species.... Our remaining land now is located on the outflow of vermin and man made holocaust from public mismanaged lands abandoned as tourist destination often for idle public paid bureaucrats, commercialized **dehabited** wilderness, research venue for scientific artifacts on a **man made ecology** chronically denied cool fire and megafauna activities. Flood damage exacerbated by fire killed trees and willows poisoned by mindless water catchment policy not held to account. There is no civic pride in how our public assets are treated for mostly city agendas. City carbon, city water, city forest superannuation investments, city wreckreation, city do nothing hobby jobs for swinging voters, boffins and bureaucrats ... There is no protective legislation in place for public assets and neighbors forced to work for nothing to stem the tide of vermin, fire and field unwelcome tourist impact from an arrogant audience told farmers are the antichrist of conservation and land management. Bureaucrats stand over farmers to keep the secret of their corrupt chaos. Mint out glossy brochures for city visitors and kindergarten talking of utopia and salvation which is very remote from the reality.

We have been forced to witness the continual erosion of land management values loss and trauma of our beautiful native Australia and that of constructs for farming food and fiber production. Our families told for over 150 years clear and improve the land or forfeit it. There was no social security in most of those

days. Sink or swim according to the government of the day and about 30-60 years ago farmers law abiding people were begun to be vilified for clearing improving the land making little England. Astute families frustrated the slash and burn edicts and as a reward for their astute vision and management their land is confiscated anyway because they kept it pristine. Terra Nullus II.

Efficient sustainable innovative enhancement of environmental economic and social values obstructed by chaos agents of inferno dingo no graze agents obliterating wildlife and domestic animals. No one other than government can breed up savage killer dogs harboured from control such they can exterminate conservation entities, perform cheap pest animal control and wander at will onto adjacent lands busting farmers and communities facilitating land grabs and to what end in water conservation employment vot catching public expense.....

Our family and community have produced sheep, cattle, horses, strategic cropping and horticulture. We have designed and erected dingo exclusion fencing in the late 1800s early 1900s assisting the survival of wildlife and vegetation management. We have had to remove rabbit plague a massive impact on stream sedimentation, vegetation loss and disruption, and impact on fire regimes required to give grasses a competitive advantage to recover from rabbit impact. Much of our leasehold has been confiscated for state forestry, national park, city water supply and wilderness over the previous decades. Farmers are largely declared expendable vermin by most bureaucrats we have had to deal with to maintain some regional perspective on fire risk mitigation, dingo and pest control. Our ability to retain community land management standards has been severely compromised by impacts of neighborhood fires, weeds, wild dog inflow, wildlife displaced by starvation, fire and dogs mustering them out. This destroys fencing, pasture budgets, choice of livestock, quality of livestock, ability to produce fodder crops, fencing kicked and burnt down. Destroys business confidence, goodwill, community cooperation, cohesion and income. Ability to spread risk. We pay shire rates, LHPA rates and other expenses propping up bureaucracies on land we have had to pull out of production. Default debilitated contrived wilderness conforming to stupidity and greed of adjacent public lands subsidized from the public purse as it depreciates as a public asset.

Under crown lease the wildlife recovered from dingo removal and hunting by Aboriginal people offered an alternative diet. There was some wild meat sort by gold miners and settlers but most families ate sheep or cattle and purchased tea, sugar and flour as basic rations. With time comprehensive orchards and vegetable gardens

fed what was a multicultural community where most families adopted Aboriginal traditional cool burning techniques and their knowledge on dingo movement applied to removal of “noxious animals.” Aboriginal management was adopted to maintain their fire safe biodiverse open forests in good faith and integrated also into a European megafauna herding culture. The local community was multicultural in land management approach and in genetic background. ***Judged by the outcomes the formula was correct and sustainable.***

For the most part the Australian ecology responded positively to megafauna activity returning as we know today existed where in the last 30000-6000 years 47+ megafauna species disappeared from ecoservices to vegetation and fire management. Aboriginal cool fire and dingo suppression were two important ecoservices putting them eminently into megafauna biodiversity regulator status.

On European arrival both plant life and wildlife abundance were enhanced by the reopening of ‘megafauna lawns’ and in combination with traditional Aboriginal cool fire regimes small area mosaics spread across the season as required and keeping vegetation structure as open fire safe biodiverse forests indispersed with natural grasslands. Ecologies were reinvigorated by additions of animal manures, smoke products, biochar and potash. Biodiversity attracted to “megafauna lawns” became attractive for research boffins of the Royal Society and the water quality and reliable flows attractive for government sales and water engineers. ***Political collateral to buy swinging votes and public paid hobby jobs overseeing do nothing non interventionist conservation borrowed from the international and American experience and mindlessly applied to the worlds driest climate and most flammable vegetation with disastrous results ecologically, economically and socially.***

### ***Crown Land Lease***

There were two main types of crown land lease where forest products were selectively and strategically harvested and or grazing rights were also exchanged for cash and kind where lessees not only paid for leasing, timber or grass rights but paid rates to local government and what is now Livestock Health and Pest Authorities once also maintaining a travelling stock route system to service drought and summer relief grazing in the high rainfall high country. This was effective in offering destocking spell to lower country and spreading the load such fire risk was strategically mitigated along travel routes and in public forests on a cost recovery basis and from



the response of native species ecologically sound when the effects of **rabbit plague over grazing** were dealt with.

Lessees provided services of cool fire, maintaining clear water ways, acted as volunteer fire fighters making and maintaining fire access tracks, suppressed understorey height and density, control and removal of dingo, wild dogs declared noxious animals must remove, rabbits, blackberries, suppressed and removed foxes pigs other invasive species kept at **insignificant** levels and largely below impact levels.

Lessees generally had a lot of civic pride to retain their leases within the family and protect their adjacent freehold lands from vermin fire and invasive weeds. Community pride assisted neighbours and largely took on a cooperative approach to livestock location, pests, weeds, fire risk. Times when peoples capacity were compromised by war, drought, economic, depression, illness or other matter the community cooperated helped each other to overcome these imposts.

The Snowy Scheme and Canberra were major impacts on community reeling from two world wars, the great depression, labour skill loss. A large influx of British boffins parachuted into research and educational institutions began to see the winding down of Snowy grazing leases, forest leases and subalpine leasehold. Conversion to freehold was interrupted by rabbit plague wars, economic constraints and no less the Government moving the goal post on so called conservation perceptions. Grazing and forestry leases were confiscated for state forest and national park Canberra city water, Snowy Water. Pilfered for each state election round. More add ons. Yielding to city environmental lobby groups or what appears to be a pantomime on hobby job creation for various agendas within a growing bureaucracy perfecting being highly paid for indecision, indolence and incompetence theory and practice.

From my discussions with family and other members of the regions elders they have been gutted by the shame and misrepresentation our government has showered on them and their efforts to secure the nations food, water quality, bush species, fire security minimise impacts from rabbits, blackberry, fox, pig, dingo among other aggressive introductions. These are invariably returned servicemen prepared to lay down their lives for their nation as their mates and family were lost. While their backs turned a very poor political process snuck in and confiscated the alps and sallied the public reputation of stockmen, dogmen, fencers... Uneducated and exploitive against conservation clean water and other values which were total misrepresentations and slanderous accusations from the

privileged positions of government. How dare they welcomed to a new country and turn on what has been achieved.

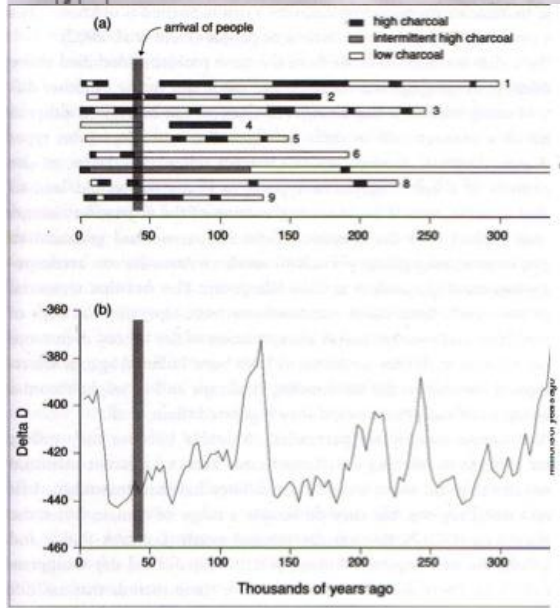
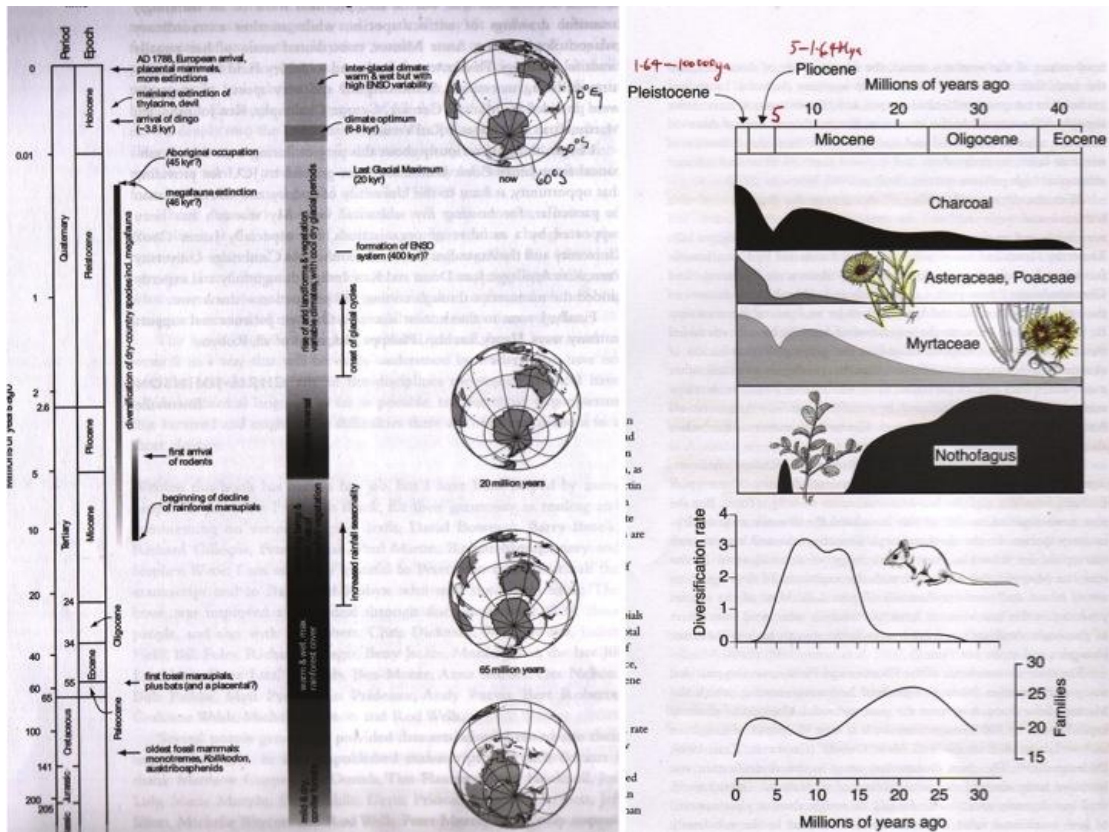
Official government documents told lies and misrepresented their people excluded by shonky scientific argument and **precautionary principle** touting potential damage and threat from blow ins not informed of history or fact, cause and effect for bare earth. Scientific advice no matter how substandard and skewed towards "**wilderness cult**" was adopted by government over any other knowledge credible by its achievements without subsidy. Science fiction by passed democratic process to install flawed legislation to protect indolence, negligence and incompetence from within and at the cost of public and national assets.

*Precautionary principle*: a principle that states that where there are threats or potential threats of serious or irreversible environmental damage, lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent environmental degradation. [Australian Natural Heritage Charter]

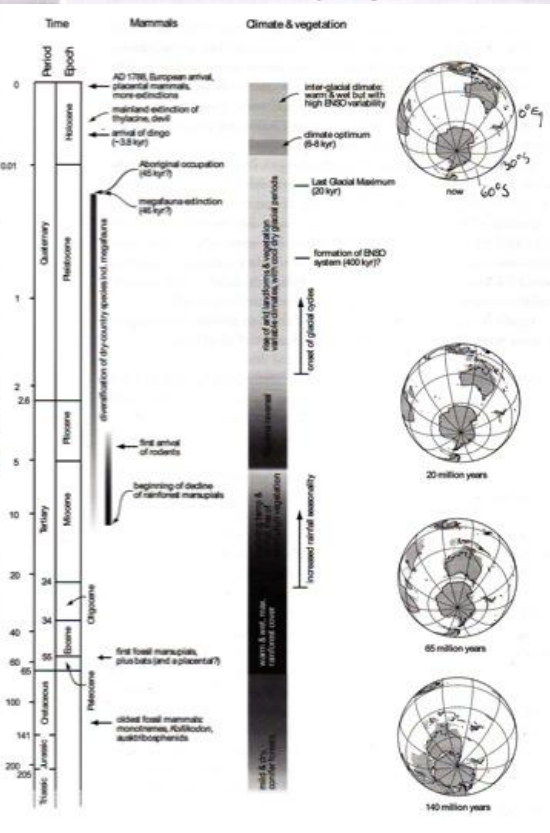
Under the same principle can rural communities go to the top end of town pick out a big house and attractive garden organize a media beat up among university friends about potential threat against the owner and get the government to confiscate it and install rangers to oversee its protection. Over growing the garden leaves in the gutters, blocking down pipes, dogs chasing the neighbors children, cats eating the parrots, weeds taking over the flower garden, leaf litter piled up for decades, mail accumulating infinitely, taps dripping, grass not mowed declared debilitated wilderness!!!!!!???? This is the debauch imposed on our leases kept according to specific legally binding outcomes

- \*keep water ways free of debris flammable weeds and scrub, log jams...
- \*suppress understory height and density, minimize fire risk
- \* suppress and remove pest species weeds and animals the dingo wild dog "noxious animal all titles" priority removal
- \* vegetation removal was specified
- \*stocking rate for livestock specified
- \*public assess and thoroughfare according to various agreements for fishing streams fire fighting .....
- \*saw logs and wood removal specified
- \*rental and wood royalties paid as were rates and taxes levies...
- \* cash and kind was hardly exploitive compared to do nothing management on \$150000pa fleet vehicle uniform conference and resort junkets offices +++ on the public purse for the sake of a bad press campaign false or unsubstantiated claims backed up by 18 month pH d data sets computer modeling pinned against generations of land management building attractive assets of water wildlife wildflowers wilderness.... No baseline just subjectively declare it at risk not improved or protected by ecoservices for up to 60000 years in a multicultural continuum. Two things important ecoservices cool fire and megafauna activities obstructed yet the ecology declared returned to pre human or 1750 conditions. Clap trap.

# STOCKMEN & LOCAL COMMUNITIES ACCUSED OF OVER BURNING



10 species of fire fighters 19 ppl, 10 wombat to 3 horse each



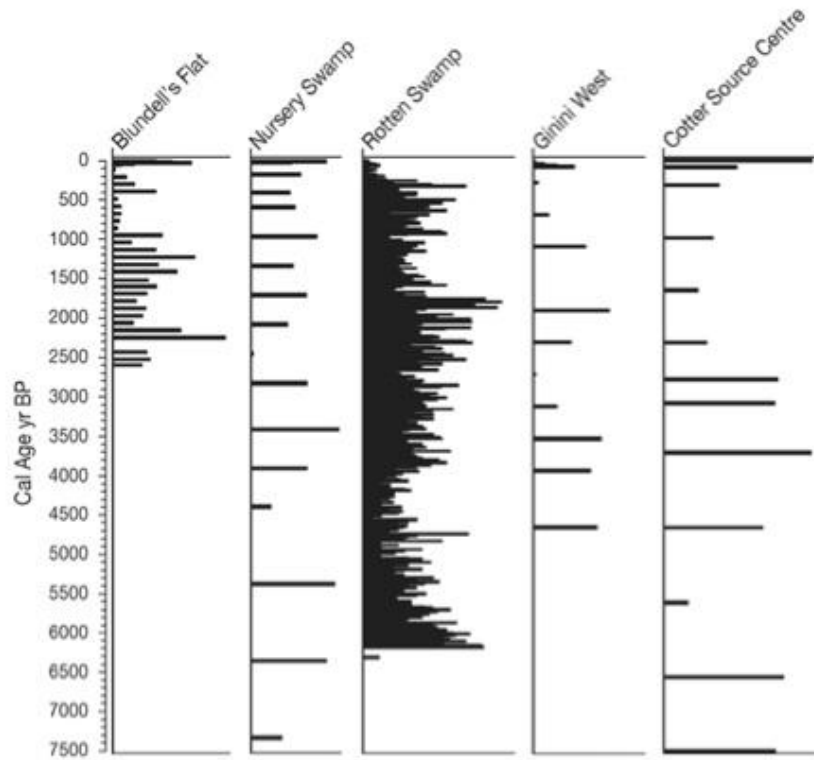
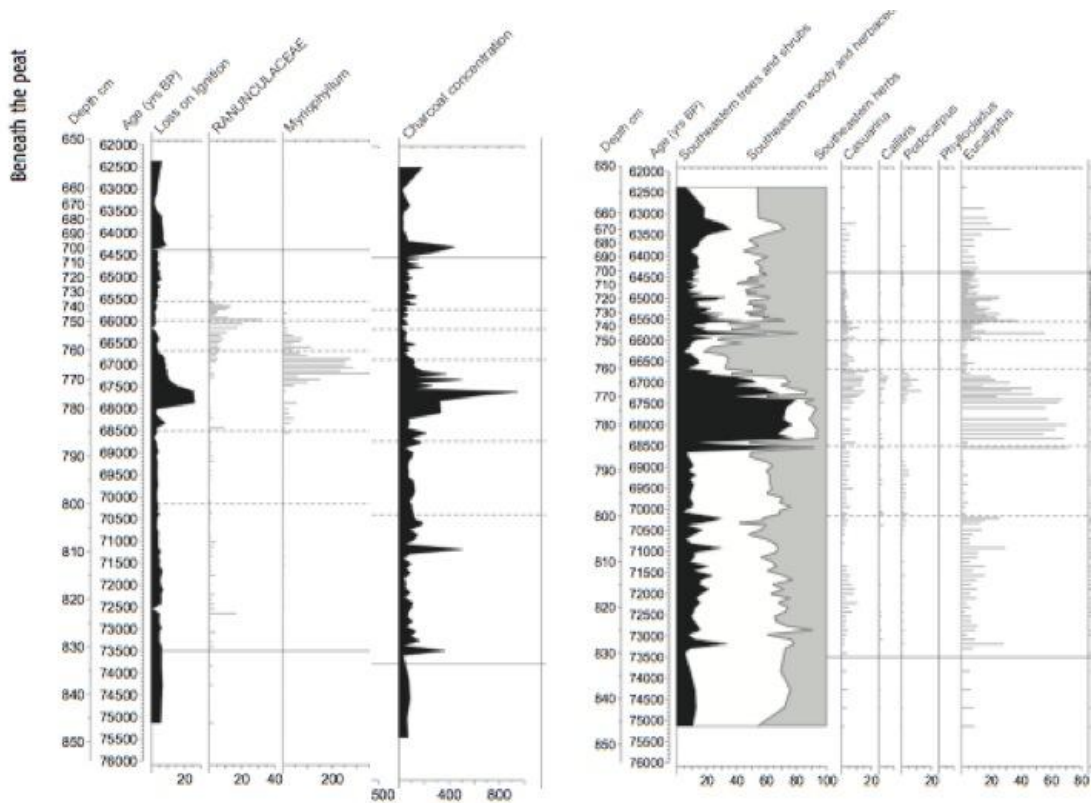


Figure 16: Charcoal records from Rotten Swamp and selected sites over the last 7500 years



**Fire history 75000+ years reflects changes in vegetation responding to climate fluctuations. Rural communities and Brumbies vilified and marginalised unacceptably.**



Boffins have accused stockmen of **"over burning"** from the 1800s however it is only now the learned are analysing charcoal in lakes, bogs, ocean outflows, fire scares of long lived trees snow gum 400+yo, Mt plum pine 600+yo killed in the 2002-9 inferno. Stockmen black, white and brindle grazed, cool burnt around specimens of snow gum, bogs, Mt Plum pine growing at altitude and these specimens continued **alive**. From the vast canopy burn, fire killed specimens under boffin management are now used to analyse charcoal and fire scares imposed on plants previous to the fire suppression dingo delivered no graze mountains of mulch policies. The lethal fires 2002-9 were blamed on "climate change" not management change. Tyranny of abandoned wilderness and denial of essential ecoservices.

Stockmen are learning what is really meant by **"exploitation"** and **"over burning"** conceding they were only armatures at hot burns and exploitive behaviours looking to actively mitigate fire risk and deal to fuel in a timely manner rather than the easier option of adopting 'do nothing' management. Fuel should have been piled up for decades to produce a good bonfire! Stockmen's repeated warnings and pleas ignored by superior "educated" knowledge only retrospectively just being gathered and vindicating stockmen's management as Australia moved north from the Antarctic over the last 45M years and as the recent mini ice age 1450-1850 passed. Return of megafauna with the introduction of livestock enhanced nutrient turnover and plant growth are matters boffins superior knowledge also chose to ignore. Quick to judge and slander with

unsubstantiated subjective claims where the ecology and nations water supply is knowingly **experimented with**.



High country vegetation was valued for attracting snow, rain, fog drip. While more trees and scrub might mean more leaves to drip the cost is unacceptable in creating extreme fire risk, mountains of mulch created rocket fuel for canopy burn creating deformed dysfunctional vegetation.

### ***National Park, City Water***

National parks grew out of departments for city parks and gardens. The job has out grown their skills base and no one told them breeding up dingo packs to chase rabbits foxes cats etc. abandoning weeds to make their own arrangements and burying their heads in the leaf litter for decades was **not** recommended in a fire season. Mowing lawns, weeding flower gardens, cleaning public toilets and picking up rubbish is where they have not moved on from. They connected with nature via university ski and bushwalking clubs. Staff had no competence to manage extensive rural land. Full of theory and hiding behind debilitated abandoned wilderness and live off the legacy of past management while ever it lasted through to their retirement.

Australia's first European farm was confiscated for the Sydney Botanic Gardens (1804-15) setting a precedent. Following the American national park program, Royal Sydney was the first national park declared in 1879 for the genteel art of bird watching. America's Yellowstone national park declared in 1872.

Following the beheading of Charles I of Britain in 1648 Cromwell and son looked after the Republican protectorate until Charles I's son Charles II returned from exile in France and wanted to unite the monarchy, the parliament and the academia. Charles II brought the academia of high society into the fold by signing a Royal Charter in 1660 giving the Royal Society buildings, public funding and access to advise government. Joseph Banks was one of their members joining the society in 1766, paying James Cook 10000 pound to sail to Tahiti to watch the eclipse or transit of Venus and the sun sailing up the east coast of the great south land in 1770 and declaring it Terra Nullus and taken for Britain. Banks was then the resident advisor to the King on matters colonial as he was Royal Society president (1778-1820) when Banks and King George III died. Botany was a genteel pursuit of the English aristocracy including royalty setting up Kew Gardens living and preserved specimens from around the world in botany, minerals, shells, correspondence, books and reports.

The national park movement spread from Britain, Europe, Americas to Australia, Africa, Asia and now to the oceans. The international network has worked through the fields of forestry, botany, ecology, taxonomy universities and research institutions. European and British trained boffins were parachuted in over local land managers adopting the mix of Aboriginal and European approaches adjusted to the local vegetation and climate as well as the government of the day allowed. People assuming land grants for service to government, good behaviour as convicts, ticket of leave, buying land with business earnings or gold or other means were encouraged to improve the land by clearing away native vegetation, sale of timber at a required pace, fencing, planting crops and pasture or have the land confiscated. The land confiscated today if it offers astute conservation management. The knowledge and achievement by passed for accolade or recognition.

Today the government has been infiltrated by recent migrants and or university indoctrinated bureaucrats smitten with a European and American conservation zeal demanding fire suppression and dingo delivered no graze, tourist mecca for the upper classes demanding the debilitated wilderness experience among the fire hazard or fire deformed forests stripped of their conservation entity and water catchment capacity choked. The ruined landscape is abandoned and new areas well managed by generations of multicultural communities are sort for the sake of a bad press campaign and a pseudo political process paying scant lip service to public consultation as public funding streams through National Heritage Trust, Caring for Country, Environmental Trusts, Dunphy Funds,

Catchment Management Authorities are cobbled together from the sale of public assets such as Telstra, electricity utilities, government health laboratories, minerals gas fossil fuel under someone's farm land.

On the public purse subsidised by national assets entire new bureaucracies are set up to police land management from the eyes of institutions and research boffins managing land from their lecture theatres and on the bottomless public purse from more liquidated by national assets.

National parks are thrown over city water supplies because that alleviated water engineers of removing traces of soot, silt or animal waste if farmers are removed, towns shut down, policies of fire suppression adopted mountains of dead mulch accumulated on the ground from no grazing delivered by packs of exotic Asian dingo naturalised for the purpose of exterminating wildlife, rabbits, pigs, cats, foxes, Brumby, deer, goats and anything else that moves or grazes off the ground mulch. Water filter for the city supply seeping through piles of rotting gum leaves trying to elbow its way to a stream covered in flammable scrub, blackbury, log jams. Bitter black compost tea might appear from the shadows and find its way feebly to a water reservoir where it might be too rank even to survive fish or other aquatic life.

People that shower in such water wonder why they suffer dermatitis. All this deprivation to deliver drinking quality water to your toilet is in vain because most people drink bottled water or filter that 1% or less of domestic supply for human consumption. Water run off farm land, selective forestry, cool burnt bushland likely sufficient quality to provide 250-900 litres per capita for garden, toilet, bathroom, laundry, spar, swimming pool and other imperatives. Just 3 litres a day per capita need be drinking quality water for which the ecology is deprived essential ecoservices of cool fire and megafauna activity.

Eucalypt oils are powerful antibiotics, strongly anti fungal, anti bacterial, anti viral. Toxic to frogs and aquatic life. Only Koalas can eat certain eucalypt species low in oils and new tips of those species even lower in toxic oils. Koala sleep 22 hours of 24 so they may be able to digest eucalypt leaves. Possum, insects and birds may utilise blossom nectar from eucalypt. Eucalypt trees and litter are highly flammable because of the oils produced by these species and other members of the Myrtaceae family, t tree, paper bark, bottle brush.

Mountains of mulch accumulates at a rate of about **2-3 tonnes per hectare per year and rots about 2-3 kilograms per hectare**



**per year** because of the antibiotic nature of the litter stopping soil decomposition. Dead grass results from toxic gum litter and after a while all ground covers of grasses and wildflowers die out delivering the water engineers dream of a dead ecology no wildlife or livestock pest animal poo in the water no silt, no soot until the inevitable holocaust bakes and sterilises the subsoil sand. So this is water catchment theory of dehabited wilderness non interventionist conservation do nothing management but barricade the fire access tracks and keep secret the ecological cost of cheap city water requiring at least short term minimal water treatment investment in infrastructure, maximal returns to government water corporates and monopoly water providers. Arguably vested interest and conflict of interest.

Government over the years has bought the scientific advice it wants to hear. Water engineers are invariably members of the Royal Society and have a backdoor key to the inner sanctum of Government advising on legislation, regulation and policy adoptions.

### **Wilderness**

Wilderness is an evangelical creation of John Muir Scottish born American national parks activist. When he was avoiding the draft for the American civic war (1861-5) dropping out of university recovering from an industrial accident he headed for the American bush. He sort some work as a shepherd and a timber worker and developed a lifelong hatred of sheep and conservation forestry. Neither had any acceptance as cost recovery conservation strategies with him or his following. Only commercial tourism was acceptable for those that could afford it. Muir's writings developed a cult following in America and Australia. He had no insight as to the American Indians interactions with their environment administering essential ecoservices of cool fire, suppression of wolves, coyote, cool fire to enhance populations of bison, caribou, deer, moose, turkey and many other species.

Muir "**exalted wild nature over human culture and civilisation.**" His writings heavily tainted by his own antisocial and arguably dysfunctional behaviour. Adopted and legitimised by his cult following across the world and institutions of indoctrination. Yellowstone national park formed in 1872 and denied cool fire and grazing incinerating in 1988 where over 25000 fire fighters had no chance of subduing the holocaust and all the technological advances of America. 14+ years later sterile soil and burnt sticks remain in a barren landscape. The American people, foresters, conservationists are severely disillusioned with the result. Bushmen and indigenous people particularly so including the public misrepresentation of what

they and their families achieved and nurtured for generations. What the like of Muir exploited for their own political and spiritual agendas quite removed from what the land required of man.

The So called environmental movement in Australia afflicted by the same religious fervour devoid of being accountable to the people who have been forced to wear the consequences of political clout and ecological suicide.

In NSW the Sydney bushwalking club set up by architects Mylo Dunphy and son Milo have been some of the most influential in land confiscation and manipulation of tree plantations, dingo legislation city and snowy water. Lobbying for fire suppression, no grazing, pro dingo conservation in public lands where crown land lessees are subject to a public campaign of media harassment, vilification, bully boy tactics social marginalisation and political extermination as rural minorities discriminated against because of where they live and their occupation. Something not acceptable in any other work place.

Government endorses this behaviour by granting more national park and wilderness to what is termed selfless activists. Thugs and saboteurs in another time and place undermining civilised industrious society.

If you call yourself an environmental activists you can do 100000s of dollars worth of damage to forest harvest equipment, project unpeer reviewed science opinion and shonky data sets as accepted fact passed around government department to and from environmental lobby groups where public paid staff are not obliged to declared their membership of lobby groups requesting the siphoning off of public assets. Internal departmental reports and conference papers to the lobby groups conjuring research funding for 'science' is hardly peer reviewed science.

You can condone public land fires escaping onto neighbouring farms as "natural occurrence" nothing could be done, the spread of weeds and vermin the result of the crown lease era decades back. Weeds found on pathways and roads used by tourists water corporates science research vehicles... The out flow of savage killer dog packs as conservation of threatened species naturalised Asian dingo. Bad luck about the livestock and wildlife on your farm "dingo were here first" is what farmers are told by sleek highly paid public servants claiming the high moral ground. In another time and place the attitude declared "anarchy."

***Flawed Science Fiction***

Public lands have adopted **non interventionist conservation** (word smithed from 'do nothing' management) policies as a result of teachings and cult following of such as John Muir seeking solitude in the wilderness. Muir had no traceable insight into minimising fire risk or securing biodiversity long term. He was 'non negotiable' on conservation forestry selective harvest to retain the ideal fire safe biodiverse forest. 60M bison, 30M caribou among the moose deer etc. had apparently little to do with pre European America. Lobbed in from Scotland as a boy he became an over night authority on the American ecology. Role model for the Australian experience.

Charles Lane Poole arrived in post war Australia trained in forestry in France arriving here post WWI in about 1922 he constructed a forestry school dynasty of boffins overseeing the import of exotic tree species for plantation and "**set Australian forestry on a scientific footing**" where "**fire suppression for long enough was going to restore rainforests**" some 15-26 million years after continental drift and climate change led to rainforest receding. A long time before humanity evolved to blame for "**over burning.**" Which science will we project and adopt here? Lane Poole enjoyed the high life of Canberra where a smoke free tourist vista had currency for the people, if not the forest incinerating in man made fuel loads denied cool fire, dingo control or grazing by wildlife or livestock variously for decades to protect the exotic arboretum from fire until the inevitable holocaust of 2003. A dry lightening storm travelling the length of the range starting fires in the mountains of mulch consequent to decades of fire suppression and dingo delivered no graze policies instituted by Soil Conservation NSW Victoria, Endorsed by Lane Pooles Commonwealth Bureau of Forestry, CSIRO, Sydney water engineers staff of the Snowy Scheme, dual membership with the Academy of Science, Australian Conservation Foundation lobby group.

### **Fire Regimes**

Fire suppression in a dry climate with flammable toxic vegetation to deal with, returning nutrients to the ancient highly leached soils is a **criminal denial** and deprivation for the sake of a smoke free commercial tourist vista and falsely economical city water treatment profitability at the long term expense of the water supply, forestry, biodiversity, community safety, national economy.

In the 430M year history of plant life on land fire has been present and unsuppressed ecoservice to plant communities and soil health for at least 410M years of that time. As Australia returned to middle latitudes over the last 70-45M years fire has returned as a service to volatolise toxic oils leaving a valuable biochar residue soil

conditioner in addition to potash nutrients neutralising ancient acid soils. Many Australian plants require smoke products to enhance germination rate and enhance seedling vigour among fine seed ensuring seedling recolonisation of the ash bed following fire. Biochar retains nutrients via cation exchange properties, adsorbes for slow release soil moisture, provides habitat for root zone fungi and bacteria, arthropods, earth worms, essential for strong vibrant ecologies. Biochar also has soil buffering capacities for toxins which are likely to include gum leaf oils leached out ever so slowly from toxic litter.

To impose fire suppression with layers and layers of industrial gadgetry is about maximising ground and aerial fuels to atom bombs worth beyond anything nature would ever allow. To then declare climate change or natural fire phenomenon in such a man made landscape is a deliberate misleading of the people of Australia and the world. The consequences for soil conservation biodiversity conservation national water security forest security public security is a total hoax. The worst practice grazing and forest harvest could not achieve the same level of destruction as several decades of imposts by the wilderness cult denial and deprivations. Standover misrepresentations by those proclaiming ecological morality over bushmen conducting activities of forestry, farming or fishing returning ecoservices for selective harvest at no cost to the paying public to deal with fire risk, pest species invasion or other land management matters. Cost recovery conservation where food fibre and forest products selectively harvested paid for stewardship of the land and water where generational multicultural communities delivered national and marine park status quality city water and abundant biodiversity.

The forest the water ways the biodiversity are living entities and cannot should not be **preserved** as a memory picture on a tea towel merchandised where they no longer exist because their life's blood has been denied. Cool fire and megafauna activities. Disturbance and rest. Cool fire has served plant community successions for **410M years** until boffins decided on gadgetry to deny this only several decades with mass extinction consequences covered up because those within government orchestrated it.

Megafauna have been fire fighters reducing fire intensity by structuring and spacing vegetation for up to **290M years** as mammal like reptile, then dinosaur, then as mammals. In Africa mixed species migratory herds may constitute **1-2+M** animals, ranging in size from fine antelope to bull elephants. Browsers of shrubs and grazers of grass. Animals big enough to rip out trees and trample vegetation to dust. It is in these areas biodiversity

congregates and is fed, renewed, seeks fire safe haven. Water ways and swamps are pugged, nutrients brought in, washed in to feed aquatic life when the rains come. This activity inconvenient for water engineers and city water corporates pretend biodiversity is at risk from grazing herds and cool fire when quite the opposite is correct.

***Water corporate profits and commercial wilderness tourism is at risk*** as is boffins analysis or research of collapsing ecological artefacts are jeopardised by ecological enhancement by disturbances. The list of disappearing species is taking over from species abundance and distribution being affected.

Fire regimes have been claimed to have been increased by European management when there has been no basis for these claims. Boffins are still in the process of analysing fire scares on ancient snow gum and mountain plum pine perhaps scared by Aboriginal fire and stockmen but fire suppression followed by drought summer inferno in man made fuel loads has killed ancient snow gum 400+ years old, mt plum pine 600+ years old, sphagnum bogs 3000-12000 years old burnt beyond rehabilitation. Sphagnum transplants transferred from the grazed green fire safe Brumby runs and cattle grazing to the destocked areas incinerated with 12-60+ years of fuel build up. Declared valuable Ramsar wetlands in some cases.

Fire tolerant northern aspect ecologies igniting alpine ash forests incinerated in close succession such repeated fire within 20-40 years kills the forest kills the orographic rainfall, kills the Murray river inflows city water irrigators water environmental flows are mere historical hydrological averages unlikely to return under the current mismanagement of public lands maintaining the stupidity and greed of fire suppression and dingo delivered no graze policies to subsidise cheap city water, plantation forest investments, commercial wilderness tourism for the exclusive few.

The public funding streams of boffins offering bad advice to government and by passing genuine democratic process of open unintimidated public consultation. Invariably lessees have no rights of appeal or equality in response to respond to unsubstantiated claims of science fiction conducted on the back of a beer carton in the university ski club by a teenage pH d counting water birds in a dry summer or fishing without bait on the hook. Shonky data sets taken more seriously than sworn peer reviewed community testimonies built on generations of observations not some part time visits from a remote institution.

**'Science'** is said to override community knowledge yet this so called science is peer reviewed student to professor or internal departmental report conference paper presented to an environmental lobby group where bureaucrats looking to expand their department are the membership of the lobby group undeclared conflict or vested interest. The local national parks association member flying off to represent Australia at IUCN conference signing over sovereign wetlands water reticulation systems paid for by the public. Making international promises about private and public assets creating their own careers without accountability and transparency to deliver. The public purse comes running to the rescue again without due consultation or transparency of process and retrospective legislation goes in over the heads of the people federal state territory and local government.

In NSW the public bill for national parks in 1995 was in the order of \$45M pa when Bob Carrs 300 park grab went through 2008 the public had a \$305M junket to fund over seeing a worsening fire hazard debt, worse distribution of dingo and wild dogs across the state decimating wildlife, livestock, spiralling ungrazed vegetation faster towards inferno, weeds were pouring out of public lands with every gully rush of water. Then there was Federal money slush fund of Natural Heritage Trust, Caring for Country to prop up more expenditure putting in tourist facilities, printing propaganda brochures for school children erecting plush visitors centres among the mulch little to do with land up keep and biodiversity security.

Flammable weeds like blackberry allowed to inundate creeks and gully ecologies becoming wicks in times of fire rather ten fire breaks and safe havens for fire sensitive plants and animals. Victorian Government botanist Ferdinand von Mueller brought blackberry to the mountains on purpose and nothing done since stockmen were banished with their sheep an excellent biological control of blackberry. Exotic pine plantations endorsed by boffins Lane Poole Lindsay Pryor, John Banks, to mention a few, are excellent sources of blackberry choking streams and catchments. Goats too are excellent to retrieve blackberry country in a herbicide free manner yet goats are vilified and murdered by helicopter culls and dingo groomed to exterminate wildlife and megafauna. Goats rate on the EPBC Act 1999 as a key threatening process. What informed Australian communities were consulted on this nomination??? The university ski club again?

Wilderness is the label you put on abandoned land to legitimise doing nothing to maintain security of biodiversity, the water, the forests, the amenity, local community safety from fire, flood, economic oblivion. Wilderness is living on the legacy of past good

management by local communities committed to their region for weeds pests fire risk and civic pride in their wildlife wildflowers clean abundant water. Beautiful uncompromised views. Some bureaucrat with national park associations or mates in the government can come along and say for a bad press campaign about **potential abuse threat or damage**, the precautionary principle, we can have this taken away dislocated from local knowledge and commitment that made it, nurtured it as the beauty spot. Now our tourist destination commercialised ripped off until is inevitably incinerates in its own cess pit of wilderness neglect. Evangelical cremation offered to the green gods and over the heads of the Australian people as they trip off their boats and aeroplanes easy targets to **greenwash** science fiction unsubstantiated claims by a limited sect posing as learned people.

### **Local**

Wilderness has been a progressive pilfering of the regions leasehold and squeeze on freehold farm lands using out of control dingo wild dog packs as the tool to massacre local wildlife mustered out pile driven through fencing into winter fodder crops and pastures obliterating pasture and feed budgets. Livestock are run around calves sheep lambs goats kids foals and children's ponies, pregnant mares run around wounded shepherded off food water stressed and made susceptible to infectious and metabolic diseases. Regions sheep flocks where lambs are taken as they arrive pregnant ewes run until they die of pregnancy toxemia or stress. Their wool becomes "tender" stops growing because of stress mustered off food or water. What sheep are not butchered in the most inhumane and vandalistic manner yield wool not of market specifications in terms of length, weight, and fibre strength. Having to supervise sheep or livestock generally consumes farmers time to offer veterinary services to orphans or injured animals because of dog incursions. The mountains of mulch guard dogs in city water catchment or cheap pest controller mustering out excess marsupial, foxes cats pigs for neighbouring farmers to deal with at their cost and peril.

Park staff have the attitude it was always this way and farmers chose to live where they live in utopia however there are no premiums offered for produce achieved in dog country. You might be able to put up a dog fence train up some guard dogs of your own and one day the bushfire will destroy all that the pasture the soil the shade trees the beauty that might adorn your office as a family farmer. You cannot take your young children with you out into the paddocks for fear of what you might find massacred wildlife or livestock. The family farm is no longer. Your children get put off farming go to boarding school and never return. The ethnic

cleansing achieved. Social reconstruction. Gone to is the multicultural knowledge interwoven with land management which brought it to national park, wilderness, city water catchment status commercial tourist destination.

Compared to family and community based operations and commitment staff parking is comparatively a high turn over dislocated knowledge base of largely itinerant public pay roll staff paid through disasters that may be their own making and the public donation and funding systems forced to come to the rescue for the fire we had to have and fire rehabilitation of the cinders resulting from fire suppression, no graze policies and mountains of mulch deliberately accumulated over decades waiting for the inevitable climate change to drought summer when fuel loads and flammable understorey are at their maximal over vast areas waiting for the "arsonists spark." These days the arsonist is the people generating the fuel so knowingly culpably ignoring all professional advice to the contrary. Ignoring all evidence Aboriginal people proactively cool burnt. Australia had a massive number of browsing species 40 kilogram to 3 tonne each trampling and spacing vegetation such summer fire would be self limiting and low intensity within biological levels to recover.

Wilderness declaration locally received an inordinate number of public submissions but lobby groups won the day and the people of Australia and local communities put up with the fall out. Massive fire fighting bills, loss of food production, loss of business confidence, contamination of city water, loss of timber products. Disruption of common purpose. Tourists come to remote areas get lost, traps through private property often with a self righteous arrogance when they talk to the environmental villains portrayed in parks brochures and government reports government media releases slandering minority rural sectors on unsubstantiated claims set for salvation of their land from exploitation but supportive of endangered biodiversity. A contradiction in terms!?!?!?

Our cool fire, pest and weed control, strategic thinning and megafauna activity reopening megafauna lawns attractive to biodiversity insects soil biota various native plants and animals is about pride and knowledge commitment generational transfer of knowledge. On a whim this can be confiscated for a media beat up and has done so. National perks associations, colong foundation for wilderness, wilderness society, Australian conservation foundation and all the ways of reinventing the same sect of society under a new letter head can come along look over the fence and say government should take that for us.



Rural minorities are marginalised harassed misrepresented socially isolated and their livelihoods culture taken on a whim and no guarantees that the stolen values will be looked after in perpetuity for the Australian people. In reality we know they will be fed to packs of savage killer dogs in the depths of night or obliterated in the so called natural bushfire inevitably where every summer survival is a bonus.

### **General**

NSW now has about 872 national parks and reserves and still expanding taking about 10% of the states 80M hectares or 8M hectares to shut down forests, water supplies, breed dogs and other vermin with gay abandon. Butcher heritage horses or other animals otherwise insurance programs set up by bush communities in the event oil and coal economies fail and a return to megafauna tractive power is essential. Gone too are fruit trees of rare genetic heritage placed around huts and homesteads poisoned in the ethnic cleansing zeal for creating wilderness according to some religious preconception that has no need for foundation in fact. Water supplies broken down dams bulldozed and cement filling bores. Wildlife and so called pest animals abandoned to die of thirst in the name of restoring wilderness. No account for animal cruelty as it is nature's way to die of thirst and dingo predation out there in the wilderness.

If citizens of rural Australia went to the city carved out a house or high rise they desired, set up a media poisoning campaign about abuse neglect antisocial claims confiscated property poisoned 100+ year old Himalayan pines or Hawaiian palm trees planted by some dignitary. Sabotage trucks shops or factories then we would be locked up for terrorism, sabotage, vandalism. If you call yourself an environmental activists you become a folk hero and ushered into politics.

If the convenience was there these so called exotic species of animals plants or building structures would be declared valued biodiversity or heritage but because rural communities had these things it becomes "trivialised expendable vermin." Cultural rape legitimate because we work for the government and are unaccountable.

Because of national park, city water, wildernesses zeal for 'cherry picking' areas, entire regions are shut down for fear a spark might escape into the mountains of mulch in the dog infested despot. Foresters, farmers across the region are smeared to conform to short sighted and greedy approaches to land management by abandonment sit in the plush public funded visitors centre and

watch the cesspit and chronic negligence build around you. Across the region dingoes put livestock and wildlife on the back foot so grazing options for fire risk management and weed control are out. Cool fire is too risky with a hostile gang green hovering over in helicopters and flapping their fine books, tapping legislation to conform to short sighted stupidity of the aircon boffins view of their adopted Australia. Australian government has constructed a gang green Gestapo standover merchants where environmental impacts are assumed guilt before innocence. Trial by media and popularised public opinion as a rural minority. Trial by government brochure and retrospective legislation formulated when country MPs were away on recess.

The Blue Mountains world heritage sight is said to be the worlds best fire hazard where the evangelical live in the trees with the birds. Various past Ministers for Environment and Fire Commissioners have stood local State and Federal Members of Parliament for Homeland security. Multiple portfolios of environment, emergency services, attorney general held by the one Minister while the national capital upper Murray water drought aid grazing burnt down.

***Public submissions were swept under the carpet because the responses did not fit the limited terms of reference set by the Minister and fire commissioner to examine their own departments performance.***

***Public assets and the public have no serious legislation in place to protect public assets, public finance and bring public officers to account for omissions or actions.***

In comparison clown land lessees were legally accountable for erring from agreed terms of the lease. Leases were policed by people that had suitable credentials to judge. Public land water forests fisheries today are the most vulnerable ever as the inmates are in charge of the gaol and the public paying the bills for stupidity and disaster have no recourse. Legislation today is geared to encourage public funding streams for disaster. Fire rehabilitation, species recovery programs, more bountiful tourist subsidy when no one wants to come to view the burnt sticks and silence and solitude delivered by chronic neglect and deprivation.

### ***Dingo No Graze Pest Control***

While it is a world wide ploy to exterminate farming and forestry to a lesser extent by the harbouring of savage wild animals in the wilderness such as bears, mountain lions, wolves, coyote in America to hunt ranchers away from wilderness Australia had a dilemma. We had the mainland Asian dingo so it was ***naturalised*** without consultation on the strength of a dictionary definition fitting rabbits, carp, cane toad camel goats .... "Significant ecological and cultural impact."

The Asian wolf was introduced over the last 3500 years into an ancient marsupial population (55+My) and a more recent rodent population (4My) coevolving with a vegetation adjusting to the shift from conifers such as Bunya, Norfolk, Wollomi, Illawarra plum, Mt Plum pine to a flowering plant based vegetation from 85M years ago forming a temperate rainforest based on beech to where the Myrtaceae family of t tree, paperbark, bottle brush, eucalypt evolved to adapt to a drying climate as Gondwana broke up and drifted north to current latitudes. The climate began to change from 26M years ago in the south to 15M years ago in the north losing reliable abundant rainforest supporting vegetation to an erratic drying climate. Vegetation and fauna forced to adapt to the extremes of cold wet to hot dry in the last 30M years.

Grasslands as with the rest of the worlds continents began to appear 26-23M years ago among the receding rainforests. Fire has been on the Australian landscape increasingly over the last 45M years and wildlife progressively left the trees. There is some thought flightless giant birds descending from Dinosaur became the first singing perching birds in Australia from 40+M years ago. Marsupial began investigating life on the ground from about 15M years ago and adjusting to a browsing grazing existence. A giant goanna, dry land crocodile, horned turtle and python were the

predatory hierarchy in addition to the marsupial lion, tiger, devil, quoll, rat kangaroo, various small size insectivores.

The megafauna goanna, crocodile, horned turtle, python died out over the last 30000-6000 years along with the lion, large rat kangaroo, the 1-3 tonne diprotodont, 40-300kg short faced kangaroo, mega wombat and koala. Humanity may have arrived anywhere in the last 1.8M years leaving the cradle of Africa. The last ice age glaciation may have induced various droughts of varying duration to destroy surface water, plant growth and fires to destroy browse and animals over vast areas, instantly or progressively. Most megafauna create their own favourable habitat regenerative and fire safe. Egg laying fauna with small joey young may have been vulnerable to human impacts chronically combined with drought and poor water supplies and plant growth.

Megafauna died out but most species of koala, goanna, kangaroo, wallaby, wombat, possum, glider, tiger, devil, quoll etc. persist in a dwarf form indicating claims of over hunting by humanity are rather simplistic.

The dingo was catapulted into this smaller version of marsupial and rodent fauna from 3500 years ago. There is every evidence wildlife abundance plummeted by species extinction was minimised by Aboriginal management of the dingo population. Tiger and devil were out competed on the dingo infested mainland but persisted in Tasmania isolated for 12000 years by rising sea levels also isolating New Guinea for 8000 years.

So along comes the Australian penal colony in 1788 to a population of about 1M Aboriginal people on the mainland and about 4000 in Tasmania. Mainland Aboriginal were kept a nomadic people because the marsupial kangaroo, wallaby, wallaroo and wombat were not easily domesticateable as were dogs, sheep, goats, cattle, donkey, horses, camel, water buffalo etc. Aboriginal people were fishermen and small game hunters supplemented by kangaroo wallaby seacow turtle, echidna, possum. Mainland tribes did collect grass seed very fine compared to wheat rice oats barley rye of the old world. Maize, millet, sorghum. Various root crops were cultivated and cool burnt to encourage regeneration. Eels were farmed and trapped. Shell fish and birds eggs gathered.

There appears to be little argument Asian fishermen brought their dog with them. Scavenger emergency ration animal and part time hunting dog that is known as dingo. Being of independent means the dingo soon went feral and made their own arrangements to the loss of wildlife abundance and distribution. Their milk fed pups were

actively hunted for rations and to raise for hunting dogs. Many were disabled to increase their loyalty to stay in the camp. There is little doubt dingo semi humanised would be a danger to especially lone adults or unattended children and lurking around waterholes to capture their fair. Where dingo declared Bunyips a mythology to maintain a vigilance for ones safety around water holes.

### ***Eastern Ranges Initiative***

Along the same model as the 3200 kilometres of Yellowstone to Yukon speedway in the west of United States and Canada Australian green brigade wilderness cult is looking to confiscate the great dividing range for their evangelical agendas Melbourne to Cook Town 2800 kilometres across the nations water shed and high rainfall forestry and farm land origin of inland and ocean going fisheries. Taken for a dubious salvation and likely cremation as if by accident delivered by climate change. Dingo speedway to decimate biodiversity otherwise seeking safe haven in forestry and farm land offering revitalised vegetation fire risk management reliable rainfall attracted to a secure ideal vegetation.

Many predict that water monopoly in a dry land is a significant agenda to control manipulate, take from the people and sell back. 89% of the Australian population live in urban centres in the high rainfall zone eat irrigation finished rain fed crop dislocated to the inland. 83% living within 50 kilometres of the beach. Tableland water is dammed up and sent to the city largely located Brisbane to Adelaide in the high rainfall zone were storm water runs to waste flushing the sewers and fisheries with lotions and potions. The great dividing range waters 93% of the Australian population.

Boffins want exclusive control of this land to monopolise water tourism biodiversity in cut flower markets merchandising tea towels debilitated wilderness when foresters and farmers are stripped of their heritage, achievements and community pride by false claims science fiction and media slander campaign.

### ***Pest Species Plants & Animals***

#### ***Alps Fiasco & Murray Darling Reform***

Lane Poole arrived in Australia around 1922 from his forest training in France taking a position in Federal government looking at forest salvation and "**water catchments**." This was about the first time Australian land use had a single dedication. The Murray was coming under scrutiny for its potential productivity in the temperate zone. The alps constituting 2% of the MDB of 107M hectare provided 30-

50% or more of annual inflows. He who controlled the alps controlled the Murray.

Burrenjack dam on the Murrumbidgee was installed (1907-36, 56-80s) with modifications and add ons to store 1030Gl. The first rice crop irrigated in 1912. Next came the Hume weir 3040Gl, built (1919-36). Lane Poole sent his staff BU Byles in 1932 to inspect the Hume catchment for damage "over burnt, over grazed" quite a loaded task looking for **damage**. Rabbit plague crossed the Murray into NSW from Victoria in 1871, the river dry in 1876-8. By 1887 10M rabbits were reported taken in 3 months in NSW. Lysaught steel manufacturers began in Australia in 1884. Demand for fencing material increased (1885-90), 1600-9600 kilometres a year. Demand in 1913 leapt to 50000 kilometres a year. By 1914 there was 320 000 kilometres of rabbit fencing installed X8 circumference of the world. Fencing for rabbit control containment or exclusion began in earnest in the 1880s. By 1892 NSW had put in place 2.7M kilometres of fencing. Most fencing financed by sheep and wool and some from back breaking gold fossicking.

In (1913) 25000 men at least were declared professional fencers. Rabbit plague was being reeled in when the country called to war (1914-18) an estimated 10B rabbits were waiting the return of the labour force by 1920. 37000 rabbit infested heartbreak soldier settlers blocks were issued. 10B rabbits equates to grazing pressure of 1B sheep or 100M cattle. At best Australia has run 180M sheep and 30M cattle and yet official government reports still have sheep and cattle portrayed as the over grazing agents! Exhaustive trapping, poisoning, shooting, dogging campaigns brought rabbit populations down to 600M before myxomatosis took effect by 1951.

Lane Poole garnished Byles report that there was minimal impact from over burning and over grazing in the alps.

The heat wave fires of 1939 passed across the high country attracting further interest in salvation from Soil Conservationist Sam Clayton, Bill McKell would be Labour Premier looking for swinging votes in the rabbit and drought stricken Riverina. Inspections of the alps 1942-3 declared over burnt over grazed as stockmen were away at war again (1939-45) and a drought year. Sydney bushwalking club Mylo Dunphy (1891-1985) had been walking from at least (1907) also made his way to the alps by the 1930s and expressed an interest it should be saved as a primitive area for bushwalkers and boffins removing evidence of stockmen. Raising his architect son Milo (1928-1996) to assume the campaign for wilderness (Colong Foundation for Wilderness) patrons including Labour Premiers Neville Wran and Bob Carr.

All about 'me' and what the environment can do for me spiritually, entertainment, fascination or other reason, my copyright photos of public land, conquering mountains making men out of boys, ecological pioneers assuming they were the only ones to appreciate natural form and beauty as ecomoralist.... There was never a word about what humanity can do for the environment true to the writings of John Muir 'father' of the American national park cult. Muir also made a visit to Australia looking for the world's greatest tree in (1902-3) spending significant time among Australian officials and believers. Dunphy's bushwalking activities in full swing by 1915 and a year after Muir's death.

Rural communities political profile in these negotiations because of communication with the seats of Sydney society and government compromised by world wars I (1914-18) II (1939-45) when major advances were made on land grabs for environmentalism while the rest of society was focused on defending the country from outside not from within. Placement of pine plantation, water storage and augmentation, tourist resorts arrested from local communities fishing, timber and service towns taken for tourism having devalued the community by a bad press campaign. Industry, innovation undermined and sabotaged. Over ridden methodology of selective harvest cost recovery conservation by science fiction done on the public purse, subsidised by the people where environmentalism has parasitised the seats of government through lobby groups and educational institutions which do not have to be declared as public officers in fields of water engineering, judiciary, bureaucrats political representatives, scientific advisors to the Minister, tourist operators looking for exclusive access to public assets. Many of the exclusive tourists catered for are bureaucrats and membership in the environmental lobby. Clearly not representative of impartial observer status and potentially hostile witnesses with vested interest, conflict of interest.

Author of the soil conservation Act NSW Soil Conservation Commissioner Sam Clayton mentored Alec Costin public service scholarship from Sydney headed for the Snowy alps in about 1947 for his honours year post war drought, rabbit plague, 1939 heat wave fires and made judgements about management of the alps. Alec Costin admits he struggles with biology yet is held up as pioneer ecologist without peer on the regions affairs. Again no traceable credentials on matters of fire risk when he advocates 10-25+ tonne per hectare of ground fuel mulch and unlimited flammable scrubby understorey and tree density to collect fog.

Alec Costin through soil conservation NSW Victoria, CSIRO, Academy of Science, Australian Conservation Foundation, international contacts in the environmental movement has had a heavy influence in the adoption of fire suppression, dingo delivered no graze policies to achieve ground fuel 10-25+ tonnes per hectare said to protect soils and deliver quality water, maximal flammable scrub growth and tree density to attract fog drip into the alps and water catchment areas of the Upper Murray. This science building a dynasty of **bog boffins** international tourist operators, people signing away national sovereignty on water, biodiversity, forestry, fishing, farm land and water management.

I have a publication on a temperate grass weed of national importance serrated tussock. In it two methods of killing this temperate weed is heavy mulch and dense stands of plantation pine or eucalypt such it shades out live ground cover and applies a toxic litter layer. Both obliterates biodiversity non specifically including temperate grasses. Another study into why regeneration sites in the Snowy road batters gravel pits dam excavations etc. using fine native seed indicated in heavy mulch 10 tonne per hectare 8-10 centimetres deep rotted fine native seed from grasses herbs shrubs before it could establish. Essential fungi overcome by pathogenic fungi. Reducing mulch to 1-2 tonne per hectare as stockmen targeted their affairs using grazing and cool fire to reinvigorate the ecology, allowed successful seedling establishment. Exotic grasses with larger seed were able to deal with thicker mulch and at the expense of native species declared "grazed out." Quite a serious misrepresentation at the expense of biodiversity and fire risk minimisation and ultimately water catchment security and reliability into the future jeopardising 13100+ giga litres of Murray inflows annually.



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***THE IDEAL FIRE SAFE BIODIVERSE WATERSHED VEGETATION***

This level of flammable understorey and dead ground fuel 10-25+ tonne per hectare and building in reality to 80-250 tonne per hectare plus aerial fuel is unacceptable from a biodiversity persistence view point and lethal from a fire risk management view point also quite untenable and unsustainable.

Vegetation ***over stocked*** from 50 mature trees per hectare in traditional open forests over laying a scattered not overlapping woody understorey under 1.5 metres height and where 70% sunlight reaches a vibrant grass layer and wildflowers stabilising soil and filtering run off water yield. Fern lined mountain creeks and fire safe bogs free of over hanging flammable aggressive scrub to obstruct sun reaching these ecologies purifying water quality. Fire tolerant ecologies offered megafauna activities, dingo removal or high levels of suppression to allow native wildlife persist to provide ecoservices of herbivoury, insect management, pollination, transfer of nutrients, essential soil biota.

Cool frequent fire provide smoke products for germination renewal seedling vigour, nutrient recycling, potash to restore acid soil to neutral and fertile, biochar for carbon filtering water run off and deep percolation, providing biota habitat, soil buffering from toxins and excess nutrients, soil moisture retention. Cool fire detoxifies eucalypt and t tree litter where antibiotic oils other wise kills off grasses, wildflowers, soil decomposers kills the ecology as toxic leachates drain into water ways and wet areas killing aquatic life. Frogs, fish, phytoplankton, zooplankton, on up the food chain.

Costin admits he struggles with understanding biology yet is claimed to be a pioneering Alpine Ecologist!? This is stunning given his heavy hand in setting policy for the nations watershed. Ministerial advisory committees paying for the science it finds convenient to hear and what better than "**do nothing management**" of public lands. Highly paid hobby jobs overseeing doing nothing! But worship wilderness. The salvation squad seeking the ideal occupation has moved across Australia seeking other well managed community lands and water ways to confiscate for their tourism and feast on past management legacies until self destruction denied essential ecoservices by the flat earth society. Costin has 6 children but declares over population the crux of environmental demise. His children active in formulating the confiscation of land and water including the Kimberly. Biodiversity of mammalian species has been noted however local Kimberly farmers commitment to dingo suppression and exclusion cool firing the ecology, megafauna grazing, weed control are not acknowledged for their known contributions. Another biodiverse area being stripped of local community activities that secures biodiversity proliferation. Cool fire, megafauna activity and dingo suppression being part of the same successful formula offered and being stripped away as the antichrist. There are no follow up audits after salvation. The dingo explosion mesopredatory release where dingo are promoted over humanity for the first time in 3500 years among other self destructive processes taking place.

Cost recovery conservation selective harvest has been banished because of desired monopolies for tourism, exclusive high priced selling of wilderness or water. Selective sustainable harvest ignored as offering essential ecoservices while obstructing unsustainable exploitation short term mining no long term commitment. Family farmers, foresters, fishermen took great community pride in exclusion of factory fishing trawlers, clear fell forest operations, factory farming, feedlots and intense production. These very people are being targeted for extermination by what is said to be environmentalism as of (2005) holding influence over 1.8 billion hectares of the worlds 15B hectares of land and looking to control the air and oceans 33B hectare. Manipulate trade, food production, human activity, water and land access on a global scale. The paying public are meant to stand back and watch all they lived and died for destroyed by repeated policy failure. Democratic process by passed by dynasties of incompetent fanatics.

The alpine infernos were predicted, predictable and occurred with predicted repeated inferno destroying the watershed for the Murray basin and potentially through to Cooktown as the Eastern rangers

initiative takes effect under the watchful eye of Bob Debus that supervised the burning of the alps and national capital in 2003 as NSW Minister for environment emergency services and attorney general. Instrumental in handing over \$6+M in public money to see the instalment of the dingo bushfire speedway Melbourne to Cooktown and water for 93% of the Australian population. Bob Debus also fell from favour under mysterious circumstances as Federal Minister for Homeland Security yet he now has a heavy hand in the nations water supply????? Please explain.

Wilderness advice means ***do nothing management*** suiting the government paying for the advice it wants to hear via publically funded commissioned science overriding all community knowledge expectation and democratic process for "***the good of the environment of course.***"

Overseeing the alpine infernos in the scientifically accumulated mountains of mulch and those holocausts which burnt into the suburbs of the National Capital and out of NSW wilderness chronically denied fire mitigation procedures, was Bob Debus ex Federal Minister for Homeland Security, ex NSW Minister for environment, emergency services and attorney general and now overseeing the Eastern ranges initiative where before leaving the NSW government he gave \$6M in public funding for education, training and confiscation. Bob Debus was Bob Carr's Minister taking 300 national parks from crown land lessees state forests and squeezing out freehold land destroyed by draconian native vegetation legislation Kyoto off set for city carbon archaic transport and energy infrastructure in NSW among other states pulling Australia off the sheep s back with Bob Hawkes mineral boom including subsidised foreign owned metal smelting by brown and black coal burning for cheap electricity generation. The 2 Bob NSW government doubling the public estate acquired by Neville Wran Premier (1976-86) when Bob Carr was his environment Minister planning and a few other portfolios.

Craig Knowles was Bob Carr's planning Minister during the 300 park acquisition and ***none*** of those parcels of land went thought the planning Act making provision for management of weeds, pests, dingo and fire mitigation. Craig Knowles is now chairman of the Murray Darling Basin reform which has declared the alps protected and nothing to do with the MDB except 30-50% or more of Murray inflows occur in the alps incinerated in the mountains of mulch (2002-9).

Bog Boffin and mentored by Alec Costin, Roger Good, Soil Conservationist and national park staffer institute of alpine studies,

fellow of the Australian Botanic Gardens, recent report for policy makers on the alpine catchment condition (2011) admits of the 1.64M hectares of the alps under the watchful eye of the Alps MOU Federal, ACT, NSW, Victoria departments of Environment it used to reliably produce 13100 Giga litres for the Murray. The average annual inflow being once 12323 Gl and in the order of 20-40% of normal rainfall destroyed by the bushfire and consequences of regrowth and canopy burn. The 3000Gl being reformed off irrigators by Craig Knowles being similar to the expected loss of run off consequent to the inferno in the mountains of mulch desired by Alec Costin and Roger Good, John Turner (Melbourne University) among others involved in catchment management by doing nothing and obstructing others to do something be it grazing, cool burning or conservation forestry maintaining the fire safe biodiverse open structure in our public lands. Ideal vegetation to provide quality, reliable, abundant water run off in a minimal fire risk vegetation.

The Snowy NSW was destocked by political process in 1944 where soil con Sam Clayton and his friend Bill McKell later Labour Premier and Governor General bought swinging seats of Riverina with promises of Snowy water were stockmen were portrayed the villains then away at war including a big contingent in bomber command where over 50% died or were wounded (55000 died of 125000) did not survive and return to defend the Snowy they were laying down their lives for, human rights, democratic process and their beautiful Snowy. Communities slaving to remove rabbits, dingo, pigs, weeds such as blackberry briar brought in by Government Botanist of Victoria Ferdinand von Mueller (1853-1898) and this flammable aggressive weed of wet ecologies contributing to the destruction of biodiversity by fire and unabated competition.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Return crown land leases or something very similar where vegetation is eased back to open forests and live ground covers suppressed understorey height and density. Methodology will have to be developed using a mix of mechanical, grazing, forest silviculture cost recovery for paper, timber, biofuels.

Lessees likely will require some leniency of costs and or some assistance to develop cost effective retrieval programs.

This retrieval program must occur as a matter of great urgency before repeated fire destroys what little viable top soil and biodiversity still exists. Repeated fire will make recovery more remote. Loss of seed, fungi, nutrients, wildlife is criminal. **Further neglect is knowingly culpable.**

What to do with Murray riparian zones and national parks recently confiscated Toorali, Macquarie marshes, Yanga, river red gum, Pilliga, Sturt, Wildrivers New England need be reinstated as lease if experienced communities can be attracted back to resume where they were disrupted, dislocated and publically misrepresented. Sold away their equipment dispersed their children to mining or other sectors snapping up competent can do people.

The Murray reform process has been driven by unsubstantiated green agendas again based on the precautionary principle making wild statements. The public consultation process a mere insincere pantomime answering to done deals preconceived outcomes pandering to international treaties where the Australian people were used to fund the committee junkies and not consultation entered into.

There is an increasing number of Australians embarrassed to be Australian. Our industry shut down and or sabotaged. The people no longer trust their governing process or those carrying it out.

We in the Snowy have been exposed to a rotten scientific process of overriding community management of land for now 68 years or more. Our European families worked hard to cut a balanced path between what the government of the day indicated slash and burn to retain tenure of land grants with what Aboriginal friends had established over the previous 60000 years to good effect in retaining biodiversity water minimal fire impact other than biologically beneficial fire. Fire we now know is essential for native species germination, seedling establishment, stimulating essential fungi fruiting bodies. Recycle nutrients from otherwise toxic accumulative litter of eucalypt and t tree species. Smoke products, potash and biochar applications neutralise acid soils retain soil nutrients cations potash soil moisture soil biota fungi and bacteria arthropods earth worms nematodes insects all the way up the food chain to the largest of mammals living in the trees or on the ground.

Birds, mammals, insects are pollinators, seed distributors, nutrient distributors and that of essential soil biota. The water flowing to our city taps reflect the quality of the ecology. Boffins admit before they saved the mountains to incinerate it was magnificent country and tap water for Canberra was quality enough for routine CSIRO laboratory work!!!!. Not so today burnt to bed rock. Canberra forced to seek the slaughter of Brumbies and stop travelling cattle and shift their water catchment to the upper Murrumbidgee fire safe in the 2003 inferno as the megafauna had been sufficient to generate a fire safe vegetation 200000 hectares of the alps did not

burn. Snowy plain and areas of the Bogong high plains still actively grazed produced quality clean water immediately after the 2003 inferno. All functional catchments had a common theme of recent "megafauna lawn" maintenance. Fire was self limiting went out or low intensity. Recovery comprehensive and rapid. Runs closed down so staff could pilfer plants for regeneration on chronically destocked areas where Brumby shot and or cattle sheep removed for up to 12 years 40 years. John Muirs wishes granted. Yellowstone incinerated with fuel accumulated 1872-1988. Kosciuszko at lower altitudes fuel accumulated in some cases 1929-2002-9. No graze no fire no forestry thinning. Ideal fire safe structure knowingly destroyed.

Areas such as Pilliga were left vulnerable and a more rapid fire risk generated in warmer more flammable circumstances. Koala colonies killed. Some of the nations most valuable disease free colonies were lost for a few cheap swinging votes and preferences now long forgotten promises and reflected kudos for salvation and cremation.

Bob Debuses department made Sturt national park just inside the 5650km dingo barrier fence South Australia to Queensland, dingo habitat schedule II land? How astute. Neville Wran closed down dingo control boards fiddled with access to traps and poisons for wild dogs and foxes such that what were isolated colonies 1-5% sustainable populations in balance with the ecology of near pure dingo have blown out to hybrids running over 50% of NSW eaten out of their range and heading for more farmland and cleaning out wildlife as they go. How ecological?

Fire hazard audits indicate 30+M hectares of NSWs 80M hectare is uncontrollable fuel load beyond any capacity available to deal with successfully and the Sydney water basin the worst leaving over 4.5+M people vulnerable for water supply and a 3000+ kilometres of **bush suburban interface**. Dead end roads to various communities and villages seeped in flammable overgrown vegetation and obstructive lobby groups with the ear of government (departments) and legislation (water corporates dictating terms of how their profit monopolies can be acquired. Conflict of vested interest and hardly impartial to judge their own performance. A fire in the Sydney basin potentially driving thousands of wild dogs into the suburbs to attack the elderly and children. Will there be enough hospital space for burns victims and dog attack. Chronic water shortages, electricity mains and sub stations burnt. Roads cut with burnt timber and smoke destroying visibility and chance of evacuation. Lane Cove national park for example a scandal in regard to fire risk.

Bob Carr now our recycled Minister for Foreign Affairs among his 300 national parks none of which were put through his planning act have not made provision for weeds pests fire risk management. Of those packages 65000 hectare of native tree plantation was confiscated sending a clear incentive for land holders and investors that at the stroke of a pen they can have their assets stolen and a police state declared without notice or compensation to cover some international treaty based on shonky science fiction and or chronic neglect of state infrastructure transport or energy inefficiencies cross subsidised because they are mates of government. Convince the Australian people this is not corrupt!

Farmers told to clear vegetation, produce food, fibre, pay research levies, provide forest products meet their lease agreements then publically vilified by their government staff are somewhat confused. Their land taken as reward for good management. Trees stolen, towns shut down banks, hospitals, schools, railways, roads potholed aged care questionable, telephone company sold out on the cusp of delivering essential services to rural communities via new technologies. For 200 years rural Australia has tipped resources down several blackholes near the coast for little return but more bureaucracy and diminished service or representation. Blame and vilification for fatigued farm exploited and exported for inadequate remuneration. Ripped off, and politically sidelined.

Public land management is not the role model rural communities want to adopt. Landcare largely a con. Catchment Management Authorities a waste of \$400M dollars and on going for what result? Bureaucracies have lost their way. Farmers elderly and disillusioned, many young people have had a gruelling 10 year drought gone to boarding school and never comeback few people want to do science r agriculture because the rewards remuneration or personal satisfaction are not there. Our governments and institutions are loaded with disloyal people misrepresenting rural communities farming, forestry and fishing as occupations. Australia is facing crisis from the point of view of food security and genuine environmental care.

This nation could entre a dark age when it should be a world leader. Government has it in their hands to pursue either direction. Keep on allowing public paid staff to discriminate and alienate rural communities trying against all odds to protect their farms forests fisheries from negligence and incompetence when all they need is finance and respect to conduct their operations far better, innovate improvise and be suitably rewarded for produce and the voluntary work they do.

World government via various international treaties is fraught with grief in a country which stands for democracy and self determination. University boffins have established they cannot manage land or natural resources from a plasma screen.



Beautiful managed forests have been confiscated over grown by abandonment and incinerated. Damage bill is as high as several billion dollars a hectare soil seed mass extinction lost tourism forestry water sediment in water reservoirs dysfunctional vegetation into the indefinite future clinging to policy failure.





*The Academy of Science building was not surrounded by decades worth of accumulated flammable toxic litter and dead grass, fallen timber, scrub with hungry packs of killer dogs roaming at will so why does our alps Upper Murray have to endure that neglect and abandonment?*



Mt Buffalo Victoria was locked up, locked down in 1920. No stock no cool fire. In 1972 it had its major inferno. Old growth forest does not exceed 7-12 years in a repeated fire regime. Biodiversity is all but done. Tourists visit curious about the level of destruction. This

is a view to the future for our other so called conservation land water catchments if current policies are allowed to persist. From here on the depreciation of our public lands and water is knowingly culpable, wilful harm. International disgrace and national embarrassment. The environmental movement was constructed by social misfits and lacking in expertise to match their opinions.

How much more will the Australian people tolerate of their government if this is what is delivered???