

There are many issues than need to be addressed in the EPBC act. – It is unworkable in its present form.

What seems to be forgotten, is that without out cooperation, this act is doomed to failure. Why would we be party to an act that takes away our fundamental rights as a landowner?

- We are landowners not holders
- Our environment is under threat from legally introduced plants – Every weed on our place was allowed in by inadequate quarantine procedure and policies. The government needs to own the problem and make each employee accountable for their decisions. We need strong biosecurity laws for our border controls.
- One size fits all McDonald's approach does not work – we need to have a regional, not state approach – and we need to be judged case by case. Every property is different, with different needs.
- Offsets should not be in perpetuity, instead be finite.
- The guilty until proven innocent and self-incrimination rule is draconian and must be removed.
- Government ignorance is no excuse: Farmers are in crisis. Stress has taken its toll; The continued drought, cattle and sheep starving to death and money worries have accumulated and add the rules and regulations from not just EPBC but biosecurity, native vegetation, B5E, etc, etc, etc, etc. to the mix – This becomes explosive! The government is responsible for many of the farmer suicides. If this was any other demographic group, there would be a public outcry, and the cause would be investigated, and the background bullying and harassment would be exposed.
- We are the backbone of the country and are treated like dirt.
- We want to hand our farms onto our children – in better conditions than how we got it, but with all the regulations and rules, that will be impossible, the properties will be overgrown with weeds.
- Acts are too complex.
- If you want to know how we feel about the EPBC or any other act or regulations, don't ask stakeholders, they have no idea, ask us!