

Submission for target farmers by the EPBC

My submission of firsthand experience with the EPBC assistant director [REDACTED].

I first came aware of the EPBC act while researching into a United Nations proposed Ramsar site bordering our properties which was hidden from the public by corrupt GHCA. What 94.6% of the Glenelg shire has rejected United Nations land ownership and still the politicians ignored their public who they are meant to represent.

The GHCA [REDACTED], when caught out on their proposal of a Ramsar site, I will add I organized the first meeting for farmers at the end of their proposal (forced by me by closing down a camp ground, kicking the GSWW (Great South West Walk) off our land and locking out Glenelg nature trust, (what no one obeyed orders to vacate) and sick of asking direct questions only to get answers back from GHCA consulting team and I quote 'in my opinion'. What has no accountability what so ever. They bought down [REDACTED] from EPBC and he turned up halfway through the meeting late.

[REDACTED] his self and position on the EPBC said that he was a farmer (lie because in the following meeting with the town residents he said he was a screen printer) he then informed us of his role with EPBC and the act.

Where he quoted "if you have a positive for the environment what has a negative I'll book you!" (if you get an answer to this please forward to me because no minister has answered me, both state and federal?) [REDACTED] was then asked a question like, "if I build a new farm shed would I need a referral, if I clear a fence what was overgrown of vegetation but cleared before the fence was erected for maintenance or replacement, if I change farm practices for the better would we need a referral". His answer was pretty much the same answer to all was "if you have a negative to the environment I'll book you. When asked how much it costs for a referral, all he could say was \$5000 to lodge the paperwork over and over again after the question was repeated over and over again. He finally said vaguely the longest one took 7 years and very expensive he then said we are here to work with you farmers! And offered an on-farm inspection to work with us. (I tape recorded the meeting for legal reasons knowing one day a farmer would need this), the farmers left the meeting feeling like he was a bully hiding behind a government badge! and Australia has trouble coming to farming sector for laws they know nothing about and I quote GHCA reply to Glenelg council, "next of kin inherit their predecessor's action if deceased".

The following Monday after the meeting I rang [REDACTED] for the on-farm inspection only to be spoken in an aggressive tone "I'M ON LEAVE". What doesn't help anyone trying to do the right thing! THEN the nightmare started (and I might add I'm a mentally strong person) I rang the EPBC head office a week later to arrange the offer that [REDACTED] spoke of. I was asked questions on what I have done on the properties since taking over. I informed them I did broadacre spraying of Patterson curse, a declared noxious weed. (agronomist report to supreme court of South Australia stated there was 60 blades of grass to the square metre, the rest weeds), that I bulldozed boxthorn, another declared noxious weed, replaced pasture seed to the barren landscape. Cleared trees on a boundary fence with the neighbour with council consultation, during this process from the start I've had Parks, DEWLP and environment scientist staff on the land and none of them spoke of Ramsar.

A week later I rang again the EPBC office and got an answer that I was under investigation for actions against the environment and he wasn't at liberty to say anything else. A week later I rang again only to be informed that we were under investigation for 4 breaches to the EPBC act and facing fines of \$5.500000 and 7 years jail and to get legal advice and I might add they still haven't been to the farm

or ask for additional information and the letter was emailed I believe the original letter turned up easy four weeks later. I rang my partner and informed her of what was said to me and to meet at the house to work out our next move. We opened up the email and went through the content of the email, what then proceeded into an argument between us, as my partner and I fell into depression we locked ourselves up from work and you might as well say kid age under 2 years and partner approx. 7 months pregnant with second child. My partner still looked after our child as best as she could taking the situation we were in. I spent the next 3 days going through many different emotions. Till I came with only one way out of this was me to write a letter taking full responsibility for everything that was done and to kill myself. Then I had to work out what way I was going to work it, so my family wouldn't suffer any more they have already.

I thought of gassing myself, burning myself at the GHCMA head office with a letter to the press explaining why I burnt myself live seen the best answer only because and I quote [REDACTED] "there's no way out of this" and if you aren't told what impact you have done, how can you defend yourself!). During this time, I'm a licence gun owner and there was no way I was going to shoot myself or anyone else because it make every gun owner look bad in the do-gooder eyes.

At the end of the 3rd night the bully came out of me and if I am going to burn these public servants are going to as well through public awareness to this bullsh*%. I sent a letter to the councillor and to other people in the area and the fight had started. The council had asked for a please explain out of the GHCMA. I went to invasion day at Portland and spoke to an aboriginal elder and showed the letter. They asked what I had done, I told them and to shame the EPBC officer and I quote them "that's bullsh*% and we will protect you on those charges". I might add they hadn't inspected the the properties either yet or had I met them before they had common sense!

As 3 more weeks had passed I received a call from a councillor informing me of a meeting where GHCMA had to explain themselves. On the day of the meeting, I received a call from [REDACTED] from the EPBC informing me the charges had been dropped and the matter closed. By this time I had done enough research to realise of the action were punishable under the Act and the procedure of a government agency. 1 the allegation and report officer check it to the Act and hands it to the director, they then check it to the Act, then hands it to their legal team to check to the Act and informs the director to proceed with the charges against the Act and it's your job to prove you didn't have an action, not them to prove you did! I told [REDACTED] I'm aware of the laws and to proceed with the booking and I will see him in court, corruption at the highest level.

I then rang the councillor to inform him of the call. He told me GHCMA personnel were sitting in their car in the carpark and were holding up the meeting. He rang after the meeting to inform me they had a copy of the letter dropping the charges before we received a copy of the letter! Corruption again I might add.

Roughly a year later after the ramsar proposal when quiet. My partner received a call one morning when I was getting breakfast at MacDonald's at our town house. I return and listened to a conversation on speaker phone. That was lies to what had unfolded with the EPBC. My partner and I have different last names, my partner handed the phone after a while of listening to him trying to arrange an on farm inspection. I might add had already been past off with the 2nd EPBC letter. I ask who he was he, stated his name and he was director of the EPBC. I informed him to leave us alone and that I'm aware of his corruption and I see him in court! He then proceeded to try bullying his way back on to the properties to fix their corruption they did to get there ramsar site what 94.6% of the Glenelg shire didn't want. He told me he didn't need our permission to enter the properties and his inspector would be coming. I told him I would ring the police to come and get my guns and I'll

proceed to confront his inspectors and snap their necks and stand trial for would I have done, and I see him in court, we are sick of their corruption.

Continued to fight the ramsar proposal to the end of their duration of consultation period. I had written letter of submission informing of this corruption. Letter to both state and federal minister's office of this corruption and requesting a copy of the ramsar management plan never to receive one to date.

Example 1 EPBC allegation

Eg 2 EPBC dropping the allegations

Eg 3 GHCMA ceo - take note of dates, year apart

Eg 4 mp Andrew Broad

Eg 5 environment office

One more thing after the threat to the director of the EPBC I went to a meeting at the Nelson cfa shed held by the GHCMA. I told [REDACTED] the GHCMA that no matter what ramsar bring I will have nothing to do with it at all and what I told the EPBC director and told [REDACTED] and an associate were to go for their corruption. [REDACTED] chased me around telling [REDACTED] had not finished. I proceeded to keep telling [REDACTED] to f--- off. A few weeks later I had to report to the police of a gate left open by GSSW personnel and parks had driven around our property (informed by [REDACTED] the GSSW when told off) because they had done work on their walking trail beside our fence and have them charged with trespassing, ([REDACTED] laughed at me saying the police won't do anything), I was interviewed for the altercation I had at the meeting and was informed that I had threatened [REDACTED] and I quoted what I had said to director of the EPBC only. Investigation was dropped. Would you chase a person that threatened you and was walking away from you and telling you to were to go.

I'm sick of their lies to the public and their corruption and the aboriginal elders have a meeting on the 30 June at Portland 2018 about this ramsar site on their land not parks. Because they have only just been informed of this proposal! Shame on all involved of our public servants to the tradition owner!

Regards

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