



8th October 2013

Mr R. Wornes



Dear Sir.

I am responding to a report on the Review of funding for Local Land Services NSW.

We live on a small property that we have lived on for the last 40 years, and in that time have never had the need of these boards that are now grouped under this new LLS board, nor are likely to need them in the future. I have also asked people that I know with small holdings that this change will effect if they ever had need to use these boards in the past, all answered with a resounding no. You do not seem to understand that most of these small properties are either inherited, or people have bought them to have a few acres around them for the peace and quite, at best they might have a pony for the kids and the odd goat or two to keep down the grass, at best what you are proposing is in my opinion is "overkill", and at the least is a unjustified charge on these small land holders whom you want to impose these services on so you can justify charging them for things they do not use or need. You say in your press releases "through a series of workshops and industry representations we have listened to farmers etc." I think it would be safe to say that that amongst those who you consulted that there was no representation of the 110,000 small landholders this would effect. You also claim in your press release that these 110,000 small landholders activities involve significant biosecurity hazards. I think that to claim this of these small landholders down to the size of 2 hectares is a exaggerated statement. There seems to be a belief among the people that I have talked to that you are using these unfounded statements as a means to justify dumping these charges on them which amount to a tax on these 110,000 small landholders.

Yours.

R. Wornes