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My comments

This code is extremely complicated and requires landholders and forest operations persons to spend a lot of time completing paperwork. To date those harvesting timber have done so for many years (no young people take up this activity) and have a good working knowledge of their local area. They also understand the need to retain trees so that the forest grows back, which, in turn will support the animal and plant species.

Some of those exclusion zones would include whole properties such as mine which is 108 hectares. I keep an area of forest and have it logged regularly and allow it to regenerate over the years. That way I am also helping to extract more carbon by allowing young trees to grow. The seedbank is very diverse in the forest as it has never been completely cleared and only selectively logged. Note also that there has never been a koala on this property in my lifetime (I am now 66) and the black cockatoos are a recent passing edition. They have now found out they can crush and eat macadamia nuts. I would suggest that each individual property is different and making fixed regulations makes life very difficult for all. As a result of this the landholder will have to pay once again. Properties in my area also adjoin Forestry and National parks. Neither of these have ever managed the weeds or pest animals or assisted in the construction of dividing fences. They appear to be exempt from the Dividing Fences Act. Managing the riparian zones is one of the most difficult to do in our region as many fencelines cross watercourses and some clearing to enable to construction of fences is necessary as well as the management of weeds. The many Eucalypts that drop their branches cause constant worry to landholders fences and no assistance is ever provided by Forestry, National Parks or the LLS . Perhaps decreasing the immigration rate will also reduce the demand for timber and housing rather than making landholders pay with time and money to keep species which are forever evolving. Evolution never stops...