To Ministry for the Environment - 6th March 2020

1. I submit that the criteria for SNAs are not consistent between regions.

2. I submit that what may be considered Significant in one area may well be common place in another and therefore not Significant.

3. Existing uses must be recognised and allowed. This should not be negotiable. I have spent [redacted] achieving Certificates of Compliance covering areas of bush and over a period of 50 years there is little discernible impact on the bush from the grazing of livestock. The grazing pressure has remained constant and not increased over time.

4. The number of wild animals, deer, possums, wallabies have increased in the past few years.

5. I well recognise the value of the bush areas for animal welfare reasons - shade in the summer heat - shelter from storm and frost in the winter.

6. Should I be forced to cease grazing bush areas I would need to reduce stock numbers by [redacted] approx.

7. I object to the forced component of the Policy on Private land - that would be Annexation by the State. Weeds and pests would proliferate and nothing will be improved - all at considerable cost to the land owner.

8. Thank you to the Ministry for considering my submission.