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>150 farming families





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1987





After 14 years







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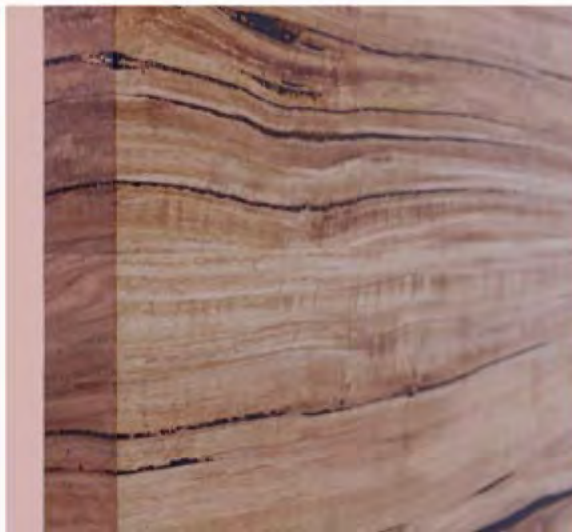
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Forestry as the solution



Timber as a farm product







18% of the farm under trees







It wasn't always like that

Erosion



Exposure



Poor paddock design



Salinity & Water logging



1994





2007
harvested
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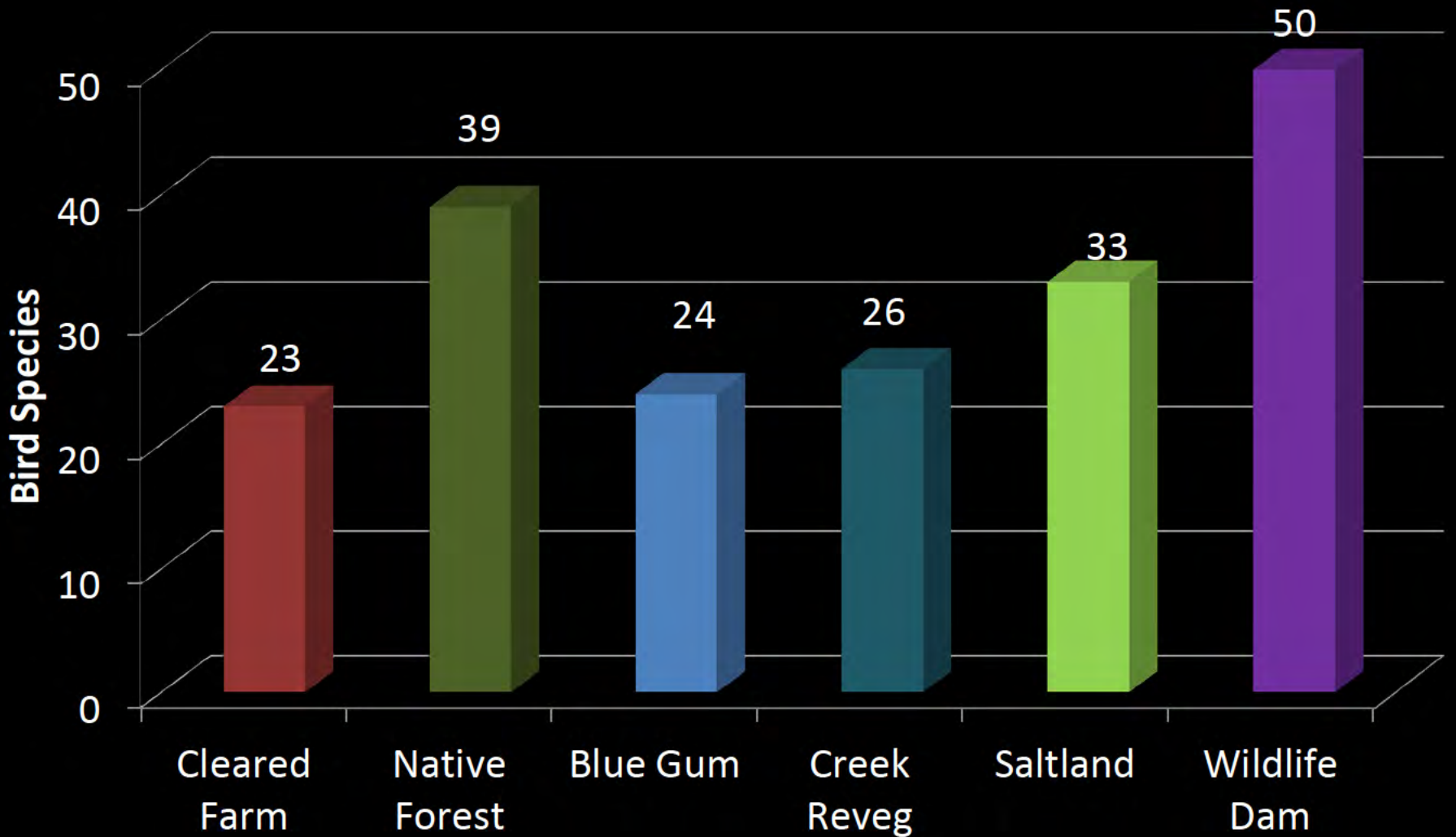




106 Bird species



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We are many



Bamb

Bambra Agroforestry Farm
30Ha of planted forest

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Google Earth





“What we need is 10% of every farm under trees rather than 10% of farms under trees”

Hon Tony Burke’s comment during his visit to the OAN in 2011

Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation



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Exemptions for restrictions

- Planted trees/shrubs
- Direct Seeded
- Natural Regen *under 10 years*
- Non- Victorian species
- Fire, fencing etc.

Native Regrowth – farmers lose rights when 10 years old



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Choose to keep – still lose ownership



Thinning to release the best performing trees

Assisted natural regeneration



Native to Victoria?





Perverse Outcomes

- Clear natural regeneration before 10 years
- Plant rather than facilitate natural regeneration
- Grow non-native and exotic trees
- Neglect their existing 'native' trees