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This is a photo showing an uncultivated gully in a crop paddock. We are in agreement with the principle but disappointed with not with the way it has been done that does not get farmers onside.





Controlled Grazing



Controlled grazing towards the gully has been proven to significantly to reduce sediment run-off. There are management practises farmers can do to reduce soil and nutrient loss.



The rule about the 20degrees slope is probably intended to reduce sediment run off in rain. The grassed area is probably over 20 degree. I feel this is a blunt tool that may not always achieve the outcome – a neighbours sheep grazed crop on a flat paddock that had a large volume of overland flow had a large quantity of soil dislocation and flowing out of the paddock.

We were losing less soil off this relatively steep paddock than off the flat paddock.

Grazing around creeks

Rules around not being able to straighten or remedy banks that are eroding and removing soil is working against the aims of reducing sediment in creeks. Same with the removal of build ups of gravel, means water flow changes and cuts into dirt banks, collapsing them, adding sediment to the water.

If we were able to manage the creek, keeping the water in the main channel and running straight(ish) to avoid the bank erosion without the cost of consents and fear of prosecution.

Will bring some creek photos on the day.

