

Non urban land use-why we should include in curriculum

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Introduction

- Not a paper from disgruntled rural studies lecturer
- Concern for professionals operating in rural areas
- Non rural residents get professional service
- Interest in teaching sustainability

What has happened

- Property courses have gradually removed reference to rural
- In reviewing the web pages for future students at Australian universities it hard to find any reference to rural except in a couple of valuation course(subject) titles
- API when changing from prescribed topics to knowledge fields in about 2005 .
- Before clear reference to understanding agricultural land use and agricultural economics
- Had understanding of valuation considerations and drivers of value change e.g. commodity prices

Does it matter

- Yes
- But many rural valuers are from pre education phase-like farmers they never retire-just die some day
- Only have anecdotal information on problems
- New private rural valuers in south australia have some agricultural education

Does it matter

- We do have some new Zealanders

Rural valuations- who should do?

- People with understanding of rural industries, rural land use considerations including physical, legal & economic plus valuation knowledge
- Who could have this knowledge
 - Agricultural graduates
 - Physical geography graduates ?
 - Natural resource management \environmental management graduates –but bad attitude
 - People raised in rural areas
 - Plus valuation knowledge

What should happen?

- Attract agricultural graduates into graduate property programs
- Get API to review its entry for these people
- Encourage development of graduate certificate to provide understanding of rural properties
- Encourage rural people to do valuation education

Rural @ UNISA

- Climate, soils , topography, water & sunshine
- Grazing industries
- Annual cropping inc horticulture
- Perennial crops inc vineyards & forestry
- Intensive livestock
- Aboriginal lands
- Aquaculture
- Land remediation/land care –both rural & urban

Rural & UniSA

- Allowed understanding of land use considerations
- Allowed some examining the challenges for these industries
- Awareness of climate change possible influences on these industries
- Provide a better understanding with respect to sustainability in the cities

Postgraduate rural

- Focus on
 - land use considerations
 - Valuation & marketing factors
 - Property inspection reports
 - Valuation
 - Field trips

What not teaching

- Basic farm management
- Deaper understanding of resource condition

What is happening

- UniSA has pathway for Agricultural degree graduates but not necessarily those trained at the old agricultural colleges
- Encourage rural students- we have had Valuer General staff talk at school career days in rural areas- this may account for us having good number of rural students

Whats likely to happen

- Very little unless
- Online program developed to provide rural courses for students
- Need for cross institutional enrolment
- Expectations of API for specialist valuers
- I think API in for shock when they publish rural valuation text

Rural & sustainability

- Understand basic rural help in understanding environmental sustainability issues

The end

- questions