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### **Three Reflections**

If I am to contribute three ideas to the Royal Society's Rangelands Policy Dialogue they would be:

1. *Stop talking about drought.* This is now our normal operating environment. Extended dry periods broken by short periods of high intensity rainfall.
2. The *productivity* of our cropping and grazing lands *will continue to decline* under climate change ... compounded by poor land management.
3. *Lower grazing pressure*, property aggregation (to develop economies of size and scale) and strategic grazing and cropping are now an imperative.

#### **Bio**

Bob Miles is currently the Managing Director of Miles Consulting Services specialising in regional economic development and natural resource management. Bob has more than 25 years' experience in research related to the sustainable regional economic development and the use and management of Australia's natural resources. Bob has held a range of senior management positions within Queensland Government including the General Manager of the Office of Rural Communities (a whole of Government portfolio) and Regional Director for DPI and most recently the Executive Director of the Institute for Sustainable Regional Development (ISRD) at Central Queensland University.

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