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About you: Individual

Name of your business or organisation:

1. What improvements should the NSW Government consider making to the existing Private Native Forestry Codes of Practice?:

Please indicate which code/s you are referring to: River Red Gum Code of Practice

2. Do you have any suggestions to ensure the Private Native Forestry regulatory settings are efficient, enforceable and effective?: On freehold land leave the landholder alone to manage his / her forests as they see fit.

3. How can the NSW Government improve the authorisation and approval system for Private Native Forestry?: Set up a carbon credit trading scheme where high polluting industries would pay farmers, (not governments), a set amount per hectare , per year, to plant harvestable forests on those parts of their farms which they consider to be low or difficult producing areas for normal pursuits.

4. What training and advice services would assist landholders, industry and the community?: Most farmers can seek out useful information on their own if they think it will make them some money .

5. Do you have any other comments or feedback relevant to Private Native Forestry that you would like to share with us?: Yes. Although I no longer own a private Redgum forest , when I did I felt it was nobody else's business how I managed my forest. I had bought it , I had paid extra for freehold land which should have allowed me to do as I pleased with my trees/timber. But NO , along comes a group of people who would never own their own forest because they were too busy whinging about how other people managed their's, telling us what to do, under threat of heavy fines. Well try getting them out of their cosy offices and into a real job.