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About you: Landholder

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1. What improvements should the NSW Government consider making to the existing Private Native Forestry Codes of Practice?: We need more trees to improve environment, health, water conservation, agriculture etc. The aim of this legislation should be to report on the number of hectares of PNF and the increases achieved. While it is important to stop removing trees it is also necessary to create incentives to plant more local species for those with cleared land. For those farming animals provide support to change to agroforestry. Otherwise provide funding for those who wish to increase their PNF via biodiversity or regenerate schemes over an extended period.

Please indicate which code/s you are referring to: Northern NSW Code of Practice

2. Do you have any suggestions to ensure the Private Native Forestry regulatory settings are efficient, enforceable and effective?: These are negative approaches while education on benefits of trees may help. I have listed 3 area above and 1 below.

3. How can the NSW Government improve the authorisation and approval system for Private Native Forestry?: Authorisation for tree removal, help develop a cost/ benefit of alternatives for farmers. For creating incentives to increase trees funding to land holders willing to increase their PNF.

4. What training and advice services would assist landholders, industry and the community?: The benefits of agroforestry need to be supported. Current logging is very wasteful and supporting timber mills to be fully accredited is required.

5. Do you have any other comments or feedback relevant to Private Native Forestry that you would like to share with us?: As this is an important area for the state, more resources are required for LLS. I am disappointed the way the number of staff have been moved and reduced.