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1. What improvements should the NSW Government consider making to the existing Private Native Forestry Codes of Practice (Northern NSW, Southern NSW, River Red Gum Forests, and Cypress and Western Hardwood Forests)?:

A change of attitude. Native forests are a crop. Perfectly adapted and sustainable, valuable, and ecologically sound. Plant them, grow them, harvest them. It is Primary production.

2. Do you have any suggestions to ensure the Private Native Forestry regulatory settings are efficient, enforceable and effective?:

Australian farmers, by and large are efficient and effective. If allowed to operate without interference, the vast majority of farmers will conduct their affairs to the desired ends. Farmers know that raping the land may give a short term income but in the long run, it will diminish the value of our asset, and cannot be sustained.

3. How can the NSW Government improve the authorisation and approval system for Private Native Forestry?:

If recognised as PRIVATELY owned, and potentially profitable primary production, forests will be managed by their owners in a much more productive and sustainable way. Private land is not publicly owned.

4. What training and advice services would assist landholders, industry and the community?:

5. Do you have any other comments or feedback relevant to Private Native Forestry that you would like to share with us?:

Native veg act allows us to remove only young trees. This is lunacy. Trees have a finite lifespan. We should be encouraging the young trees and removing the mature trees before they begin to die and rot and become un-usable. This is a criminal waste of a valuable resource. Land holders are also reluctant to allow trees to reach full maturity for fear of the trees being declared "old growth" and therefore untouchable. So we kill young trees and harvest decent trees prematurely. This is not good management of forests.