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About you: Landholder

Name of your business or organisation:

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

* placing limits on the extent of clearing which can occur on an annual basis

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?:

* Ensuring that there is a rigorous process for assessment of habitat value before permission is given to commence clearing of any forest by private landholders. *Quantifiable limits for logging that are easily understandable and relevant to total habitat in the area *Appropriate fines for over-take * Careful monitoring of sites to ensure that prescribed limits are observed. *On-going satellite monitoring and ground truthing to ensure landholders are held accountable * Liasing with Environment staff in local councils as well as local landcare and environment groups (who may have local knowledge of biodiversity values in their area) as applications are received.

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

* Placing limits on the extent of clearing which can occur on an annual basis * Rigorous habitat assessment prior to authorisation and approval * The authorisation and approvals system needs to be based on up to date, high quality habitat mapping, based on threatened flora and fauna communities. This needs to be available to both landholders and government. Approvals should not be granted in areas of high habitat value.

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

Providing education/funding/support for undertaking wildlife and vegetation surveys on land which is being considered for logging.

5. Do you have any other comments or feedback relevant to Private Native

I am very concerned that these changes will result in a dramatic increase in clearing of native forests and consequently a significant loss of habitat for threatened

Forestry that you would like to share with us?:

wildlife. For instance a large proportion of remaining koala habitat is known to be on private land. This needs to be a priority concern of the government, as the onus for researching habitat values and threatened species cannot be placed on the landholder.