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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?: Putting it under the lands office is good. Private forestry, where you have planted the trees yourself, is just a crop. So there shouldn't be any more regulation than you would apply to a crop of oats. It's fine to provide education and best practice advice, but it is at the landholders risk so should be left to their discretion and management. Do not make it harder to plant a crop of trees. If we are to combat climate change we need to make it easier for landholders to plant native trees with the confidence that they can harvest them at some stage if they choose. With more modern systems like permaculture etc it might not be in the usual form that forestry experts expect, but that's ok, don't stifle the creation of more diverse ecosystem creation and management.

Please indicate which code/s you are referring to: All codes

2. Do you have any suggestions to ensure the Private Native Forestry regulatory settings are efficient, enforceable and effective?: Don't make rules or require any paperwork. Just provide resources and support. Everything is too overwhelming with rules and compliance. It is stopping people from planting trees because they are worried they won't be allowed to cut them down later. This is especially so for endangered species of trees, but wouldn't you want more of them grown, even if they are eventually to be cut down? Combatting climate change requires us to plant more trees. Make it as easy as possible.

3. How can the NSW Government improve the authorisation and approval system for Private Native Forestry?: Abolish all rules for trees the landholders plants themselves.

4. What training and advice services would assist landholders, industry and the community?: Provide information and support and do more scientific research.

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