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**1. What improvements should the NSW Government consider making to the existing Private Native Forestry Codes of Practice?:** There are several areas in the code that need improvements, particularly in relation to unmapped drainage lines and buffer zones. Under the current PNF Codes of Practice, small to medium scale private native forestry harvesting in our Northern NSW mountainous terrain is virtually impossible to comply with in an economically sustainable manner. As an example, a 100 acre PNF block could have one mapped drainage line but more than twenty unmapped drainage lines due to the generally hilly nature we encounter. Consider an 80m wide ridge line with unmapped drainage lines on either side (very typical situation) - there is a 10m buffer zone outside of each of those drainage lines which then leaves approximately a 60m wide ridge. With a lot of trees in excess of 30m tall, it is hard, almost impossible to not end up with heads in buffer zones.

**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?:** I am unaware of what the PNF regulatory settings are.

**3. How can the NSW Government improve the authorisation and approval system for Private Native Forestry?:** Far more staff is required to be involved in the authorisation and approval system. Basic approvals with no remapping should take a couple of weeks yet we are waiting several months. Having incorrectly mapped rain forest or old growth blocks reviewed is taking well in excess of six months. This continued delay in approvals is creating an economically unsustainable situation.

**4. What training and advice services would assist landholders, industry and the community?:** For Industry - regular training courses in field designed to teach operators how to better interpret the code is needed. This type of training is critical as very few operators have a comprehensive understanding of how to comply with the

Codes of Practice. For Landholders and the Community - a greater emphasis needs to be placed on the positive outcomes of the forestry industry. Proactive advertising to encourage a healthy attitude to the forestry industry to combat the negativity continually being broadcast by the Greens. Schools are continually targeted with negative attitudes towards the forestry industry and this trend should be addressed by the NSW Government if they want to support a socially sustainable forest industry.

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

Regarding the Auditing process; there should be a fair system which involves all contractors regardless of the volume of jobs they undertake. All contractors should be scrutinised in the same manner on a regular basis, no matter how big or small their operation. A well organised productive contractor shouldn't get audited more often than any other contractor.