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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?: Independent surveys should be undertaken prior to the government granting commercial logging approvals in native forest on private lands.

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?: Independent surveys. By being independent we keep everything above board, and those surveys should be available to the public to prove that all due care is being taken.

3. How can the NSW Government improve the authorisation and approval system for Private Native Forestry?: From my perspective it is already too efficient, and we need to put a bit of a handbrake on approvals.

4. What training and advice services would assist landholders, industry and the community?: More focus on biodiversity and threatened species (both animal and plant). It is essential, but seen as inconvenient.

5. Do you have any other comments or feedback relevant to Private Native Forestry that you would like to share with us?: Private native forestry does not get much attention. In the current climate it is like the Wild West where anything goes and it should be treated responsibly and with care. We must do better, all the way from the approvals process to ongoing monitoring and where breeches have been made, prosecutions.