

**Submission
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FOOD PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY IN NSW

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Thankyou for holding this enquiry and its broad terms of reference. .

As an individual living in the City of Sydney LGA, I consider community gardens and sustainable food markets are a valuable source of education, production, and healthier food consumption. Personally, I do what I can - compost food waste, recycle food packaging, respond to submissions about climate change (don't own a car). I support local farmers by buying from the Sydney Sustainable Market at Taylor Square, Harris Farm - never buy imported fresh food or wine!

I didn't see any research papers, as yet, for responding. FYI Gardiening Australia last week had a segment on seed conservation as part of food security - perhaps a useful source of practical, commercial production.

The relative economics of food-production, for domestic consumption and export, need to given a higher value in environmental planning assessment where water use is high (as in recent mining proposals).

NSW government climate change policy (NZE) needs refinement - the caveat about 'undermining' BAU neutralises the necessity for supporting reduced emissions, especially the value in action now rather than (further) delays.

If the Committee develops a discussion paper, I'd be happy to comment.

Thanks for the opportunity. Chloe Mason, 27 February 2022

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Improving food security and equitable access to food.

Reducing food waste and destruction.

Developing technologies to bring food production into cities.

Preserving productive land and water resources.

Managing the impact of climate change.

Limiting the impact food production has on the environment, including overfishing.

Addressing complex challenges to food production including declining pollinating species and productive fertilisers. - NB newer resoarch on nicotanides (damaging bees) glyphosphate.

Consideration of workforce challenges and skills development.

Development and growth of the food industry (raw or processed) as an export.

Implications for quality control and labelling of processed/manufactured food.

Consideration of Indigenous food and land management practices.