

**Submission
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FOOD PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY IN NSW

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I like to envisage different food futures. One is rooted in reality. Concrete cities disconnected from distant food producers. Empty super market shelves, supply chains faltering. Another is imaginative. Walking the an edible urban landscape, abundance on offer. Every corner is cultivated, to create food, community and space for biodiversity to flourish. A wave to a friendly neighbour, whom produces my food.

The second vision is one I hope exits my imagination and into reality but there are still many barriers for it to. There are a couple of things I think that would help in the near term.

1. Reform land zoning and planning laws to better enable urban agriculture to flourish
2. Create an Urban agriculture fund helping grow the sector
3. Make Urban Agriculture a key part of the NSW government push for a circular economy. Urban agriculture has the potential to allow for more decentralised waste processing as well as increased social and environmental outcomes through composting. This could also play a big role in helping the NSW government reduce their food waste to landfill, which is a priority. This potential cannot be realised though if Urban Agriculture isn't scaled up

Please help create the food future I envision

Thank you
Sam