

POST HEARING RESPONSES – 24 MAY 2022

LONG TERM SUSTAINABILITY AND FUTURE OF THE TIMBER AND FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY

QUESTION 1 (page 41)

The Hon. MICK VEITCH: I'm not sure who is responsible for this, and I would suggest you take it on notice, but on page 16 of the whole-of-government submission—for the sake of tidying up because the submission was lodged last year and we have now moved on a fair way—talks about "Current and upcoming reviews include". On reading it, I would suggest that maybe some of these have now concluded. Would it be possible to get an update from the Government on where those reviews are up to? For instance:

- Remake of the Forestry Regulation – due for staged repeal on 1 September 2021—
- we are past that date— Western IFOA reviews – due to commence in 2021
- 12-month health check of the Coastal IFOA, commencing in mid-2021 ...

Can you update that information for the sake of putting together our report? I'm not sure who takes that on board on behalf of the whole of government, but if someone could that would be nice. I might look at Mr Orr.

STEVE ORR: We will ensure that you get a coordinated response, Mr Veitch.

ANSWER

Original text in Government submission: Review of the PNF Code, following consultation on a discussion paper and draft codes.

Update: New Private Native Forestry Codes commenced on 2 May 2022.

QUESTION 2 (page 42)

The Hon. MICK VEITCH: "USDA"—I think Hansard would love it if you could just tell us what that stands for. United States Department of Agriculture—is that correct?

ADAM TYNDALL: That's correct, yes. I'm happy to provide on notice some of their papers in terms of the guidelines that they have.

ANSWER

Relevant guidelines from the United State Department of Agriculture are attached, see:

- USDA – Forest Stewardship Plan – Standards and Guidelines
- USDA – Planning for Forest Stewardship Guideline

A link to the USDA Forest Stewardship program can also be found at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/forest-stewardship/program>

QUESTION 3 (page 45)

Mr JUSTIN FIELD: I might put that on notice if I could.

STEVE ORR: Sorry, what are you putting on notice, Mr Field?

Mr JUSTIN FIELD: How much private forested land that would be eligible for private native forestry lands is subject to dual consent arrangements, whereby they would need to get approval from the local council at this time or to be able to do private native forestry even if they had a plan. I'm not sure you are going to tell me. But it is the intention of the Government to bring in legislation to correct that.

STEVE ORR: That is a matter for government, Mr Field.

ANSWER

The Department of Primary Industries study *NSW Planning and Regulatory Instruments that Interact with Private Native Forestry* found that approximately 689,300 ha of private forest land in Northern NSW required dual consent approval (see attached).

QUESTION 4 (page 46)

The CHAIR: Yes, sure.

ADAM TYNDALL: I think earlier I quoted 82 per cent of landholders felt that they had a better understanding of forest management. That figure was actually 85 per cent on the back of the engagement that we have done. I am happy to provide that report to the Committee.

ANSWER

Relevant report attached see:

- Farm Forestry Extension Evaluation Report