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- the rules and regulations that govern PNF
- the process of authorisation
- PNF training and advice services.

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Mr Michael Moorhead

Re: Private Native Forestry Review

I would like to take this opportunity to provide some feedback and comments on what has worked well for our operation and how I believe this can be sustained, not just for our business, but for other operations as well.

Our family operate a Beef Cattle and Logging business at Baryulgil, near Grafton, Northern NSW. Our family has been on this property for 120 years and I am the 4th generation manager of the place.

The logging component of our business is crucial to our survival here with the unpredictability of cattle markets and weather conditions.

Over the generations our land has been founded on a sustainability basis with a single tree selection programme. I am of the opinion it has been well cared for and is structured around common sense.

I don’t have any problems dealing with the current Codes of Practice and would strongly suggest that they be left as there are. I see no reason for change for the sake of change.

There is room for improvement however, in the authorisation and approval system. I understand there would be multiple applications, but it does seem to take a very long time for applications to be approved.

An area of concern for me is the harvesting of logs and the use of harvesters in the bush. They are nothing but destructive. Areas that have been logged using these machines decimate the bush compared to manual falling with a chainsaw on a single selection basis. The harvesters are such big machines trampling and destroying everything in their paths. Areas of bush are buggered for several years compared to our land that has been carefully selected and logged.
I would like to be assisted as much as possible as far as the new PVP is concerned. When it expires, I hope that we can continue our logging operation in the same responsible way that we have been doing for generations.

M M Moorhead