



Questions and answers

Webinar 5: “Future Forest scenarios”

NSW Forest Monitoring and Improvement Program has committed to host annual stakeholder forums. This is an opportunity for people to learn more about the program, ask questions and provide feedback.

The Commission hosted a webinar in December 2022 with a panel of members from a team of scientists from leading universities, NSW agencies and the private sector.

This paper:

- Responds to questions not answered in the webinar
- Lists questions answered in the recorded webinar.

The webinar is available on the Commission’s website.

Response to questions not answered in webinar

Question	Response
1 Do you have a sense of forestry stakeholder (government, community, industry) appetite for engaging with plausible divergent futures in their respective and combined planning processes?	Project leaders worked with independent experts and representatives from across NSW agencies including those related to forestry and forest management to develop the initial set of future scenarios . The project leaders recommended the scenarios should be refined with a wider range of stakeholders including the forestry industry and community. The Commission supports this recommendation as recently captured in its Insights Report .

Questions answered in webinar

Question
1 Thanks Peter and Steve. Great work! The scenarios seem to describing the state of the social-ecological system in which forests are embedded, rather than the future state of the forests. Any thoughts on whether it's possible to think about these things separately?
2 Really good presentation. Are the scenarios at a stage of development to be useful for decision-makers? Or how can they be taken to that point?
3 Did the scenario approach include considering the implications of each scenario for climate change, biodiversity, non-extractive economies, meeting wood resource needs?
4 Thanks PK and Steve. I love the thinking framework. How do we get beyond populist policy responses that currently abound to take 4-year term politicians, policy makers, and communities on such an intelligent journey? Would take a lot of courage!

Question

5 Great presentation, thank you. With regard to the urgency of the climate & diversity crisis ...there is a bigger picture than the financial benefits to the forestry & forest products industry. Do you see the importance of Community as a stakeholder, having their say given the importance of addressing climate action in carbon capture & storage which effects the entire population?

6 Was the scenario approach confined just to public native forests or were your able to suggest that some scenarios might require that we include additional lands in the solutions?

Answer: The scenarios covered all forests in NSW on all tenures.

7 As we have seen the future forecast by the NRC for the red gum forests has been proven wrong - do you think you should come down again and look at the result of the 6 floods we have had since the NRC report in 2010

Answer: Yes very happy to come down. Let's tee it up in new year.

8 **Comment:** I'm wondering where ending native forest logging might fit into this.

9 **Comment:** Let's consider alternatives to timber for building products. ie hemp. An industry that would benefit farmers & growers as well as taking the pressure off our forests.

10 **Comment:** Thanks research team and panel. I look forward to seeing how this gets taken forward.

11 **Comment:** We must increase 1st Nation ownership & management of Forests. Cultural Burns must increase. Aboriginal management of Forests ever succeed work without them also taking leadership career opportunities on inevitable Catastrophic Forest Fire Management of tall/dense Eucalypt Forest.