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Q4 Yes
Can we contact you about your submission (if needed)?

Q5 Yes
Can we add your email to our mailing list for occasional updates on this topic?

Q6 I am representing an NGO or community group.
What best describes you?

Q7 Central West
What best describes your main regional interest?

Q8

I agree to have my submission published with my name.

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Q9

What do you consider is the most significant action(s) we can undertake to protect and restore biodiversity and ecosystem function on private lands?

Remove the self -assessment clause for clearing on private land. This has made both farmers and urban residents arrogantly entitled regarding their vegetation. Our local council in Dubbo refuses to introduce a preservation policy for trees on private land, preferring to keep ignorant and unenvironmental residents happy. As a result our urban tree canopy has decreased from 10% to 9% in the last 8 years. This, at a time of climate emergency when our CW. will suffer the highest increase in heat and drought. The State government needs to mandate consistent vegetation laws to protect all trees on private property so that all urban residents have suitable tree canopy and all forests on farmland are maintained.

Q10

How can we further improve soil, water and vegetation management to protect and restore biodiversity while delivering sustainable economic outcomes?

State laws for all farmland, reserves, national parks and urban properties

Q11

What do you consider is the most effective way to further support and enable landholders to deliver sustainable land management and production outcomes?

Require farmers to move forward with sustainable and proven methods of productivity. Encouragement hasn't worked. They still deny Climate Change because they want to continue with their old short - term ways.

Q12

Is there any other information about this topic you would like to share with us?

It is incredibly frustrating to advocate for the environment in the CW where 80% of voters are conservatives, have not libed anywhere else and are largely uneducated. The rest of us suffer unprogressive local governments who are not pressed by their constituents and who have councillors elected to increase their own business prospects - that is, to look after developers and other businesses. Please, can State government mandate that all local councils have a community net zero target by a specific date and a specific tree canopy target ?
