

Our Fisheries & Forestry group have addressed the Question on Notice as below:

Question: "I'm just curious as to whether you are doing any work internally and modelling of what it would look like if in native forest logging we engaged in ecosystem restoration work. We received an excellent submission. I know the Net Zero Commission has discussed this in its report. I am just wondering whether DPI, particularly the climate research part, has looked at this, or is looking at this, or has a plan, or a scope of works to look at it?"

Response: "DPIRD is not currently doing any work regarding carbon outcomes from ecosystem restoration in native forests. The rules for native forest harvesting on both public and private land in NSW are designed to deliver long-term ecological sustainability, which includes forest regeneration after harvesting. DPIRD is, however, undertaking relevant carbon research in two related areas. First, we are partners in various projects contributing to the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals (CIFOA) Forest Monitoring Program in State forest. This Program is managed by the NSW Natural Resources Commission and is mandated in the CIFOA. Second, we are working with NSW Local Land Services to determine the long-term carbon, fire and biodiversity outcomes of various silvicultural treatments applied on private land as part of private native forestry (PNF) operations. Both of these areas of research are undertaken in the context of sustainable forest management for wood production and will complement existing published research on carbon stock and flows in native forests and harvested wood products in Australian native forests".

Regards

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