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anonymous 1	More than 20 years	More than four generations	2	1	5	3	4		52	25	26-50%
stumpy	10- 20 years	This is the first generation	6	1	2	5	3	4	2.5 + 67	67	76-100%
anonymous 2	5 - 10 years	This is the first generation	2	1	3	4	5		80	20	51-75%
anonymous 3	More than 20 years	Three generations	5	2	1	3	4	6 To live a comfortable distance from the new super developments that have spread across the coast	40	5	0-10%
Verna	5 - 10 years	This is the first generation						1 Living close to nature	8	0	0-10%
anonymous 4	5 - 10 years	This is the first generation	2	1	3	5	4	6	8.5	7.5	0-10%
anonymous 5	More than 20 years	This is the first generation	3	1	4	2	5	6 Stewardship of the land	34	15	0-10%
Harry	10- 20 years	This is the first generation	3	1	2			4 Self sufficiency	2	0.7	0-10%
anonymous 6	More than 20 years	This is the first generation	1	3	5	2	4		225	145	26-50%
rainer	More than 20 years	This is the first generation		1	2	3			4	2	11-25%

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anonymous 7	0-5 years	This is the first generation	4	2	3	1		To build my own house.	41	5	0-10%
anonymous 8	0-5 years	This is the first generation	1	4	2	3	6	5	10	2	11-25%
anonymous 9	10- 20 years	This is the first generation		1					10 ha	nil	0-10%
anonymous 10	More than 20 years	Two generations	1	4	2	3	5	6	300	290	51-75%
anonymous 11	10- 20 years	This is the first generation	1	3	2		4		25	16	51-75%
Arnie	5 - 10 years	This is the first generation	5	1	2	6	3	4	10.7	nil	0-10%
mango	10- 20 years	This is the first generation	6	2	3	1	4	5	2.75	none	0-10%
Stephen	0-5 years	This is the first generation	4	5	3	2	6	We run an eco or sustainable Residential Retreat Centre and Health Spa in Uki	22	2	76-100%
anonymous 12	5 - 10 years	This is the first generation	3	2	1	5	4		49	approx 25	0-10%
Bernadette	10- 20 years	This is the first generation	5	1	4	2	6	3	33	30	0-10%
anonymous 13	More than 20 years	Three generations	3	1	2	5	6	4 Inherited it	60	40	0-10%
anonymous 14	5 - 10 years	This is the first generation	4	3	1		5	2 To protect and enhance the environmental landscape	12.7	2	0-10%

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anonymous 15	5 - 10 years	This is the first generation	5	1	4	6	3	2 two pet cattle dogs needing more space than a suburban backyard.	36.63	15 approx	0-10%
anonymous 16	10- 20 years	Two generations	4	1	3	5	6	2 To have a buffer zone as had developed multiple chemical sensitivity	16.8	2 - 3	0-10%
anonymous 17	5 - 10 years	This is the first generation		1	3			2 To help with bush regeneration and wildlife conservation	70	10	0-10%
anonymous 18	More than 20 years	Four generations	1	3	4	2			60	55	76-100%
anonymous 19	5 - 10 years	This is the first generation	3	2	4	1	5		145	70 approx	0-10%
anonymous 20	5 - 10 years	This is the first generation	2	3	1	6	5	4	20	15	0-10%
lanW	10- 20 years	This is the first generation	1	4	2	3			11	10	51-75%
harryc	10- 20 years	This is the first generation	3	1	2	6	5	4 to keep away from the "urban sprawl"	67	65	51-75%
anonymous 21	More than 20 years	Two generations	6	1	4	3	5	2 To protect the environment	42.5	1	0-10%
anonymous 22	More than 20 years	This is the first generation	1	2	5	3	4		61 acres....22ha	16ha	0-10%

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anonymous 23	10- 20 years	This is the first generation		1	2				3 To be surrounded by country - not strangers, traffic, shops & malls	2.5	2	0-10%	
anonymous 24	More than 20 years	Two generations	1			2				46	20 appx.	11-25%	
anonymous 25	10- 20 years	This is the first generation		1	5	2		3	4 Be amongst nature/ the forest/ the wildlife/ have connection to nature	35	3	76-100%	
anonymous 26	10- 20 years	This is the first generation		1	3	2				1.5	Nil	0-10%	
anonymous 27	0-5 years	This is the first generation	4	2	3	5	6		1 Peace & privacy	12.33	0	0-10%	
chris core	More than 20 years	Two generations	4	1	2	3	5			6	26 ha	15 ha	11-25%
anonymous 28	10- 20 years	This is the first generation	3	1	2	4	5			3.8	4	0-10%	
anonymous 29	More than 20 years	Four generations	1			2				120	120	76-100%	
anonymous 30	More than 20 years	Four generations	1	3		2				26	26	76-100%	
anonymous 31	5 - 10 years	This is the first generation	4	2	5	3	6		1 Peace quiet and solitude	3.7	1.5	0-10%	
anonymous 32	More than 20 years	This is the first generation	2	1	4	3	5			11.5	9.5	26-50%	

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anonymous 33	5 - 10 years	This is the first generation	5	2	1	6	4	3	privacy	75	60	0-10%
anonymous 34	10- 20 years	Two generations	4	1	3	2	5	6	2	.2	0-10%	
anonymous 35	More than 20 years	Two generations	2	1	5	4	3	6	39	20	0-10%	
JohnC	10- 20 years	Two generations	2	4		1	3			11.25	None	0-10%
anonymous 36	5 - 10 years	This is the first generation			1					2	.5	0-10%
anonymous 37	0-5 years	Three generations	3	2	1	4	5	6	40	20	0-10%	
ashilleong	0-5 years	This is the first generation	6	1	2	3	5	4	2.02ha	undefined	0-10%	
anonymous 38	10- 20 years	This is the first generation		1				2	to preserve native flora and fauna	4	0	0-10%
anonymous 39	5 - 10 years	This is the first generation	2	3	1					2.8	2	0-10%
anonymous 40	5 - 10 years	This is the first generation	3	1	2	5	4	6	16	0	0-10%	
anonymous 41	More than 20 years	Two generations	4	1	3	2	5	6	3	2.75	0-10%	
anonymous 42	More than 20 years	Three generations	5	6	2	1	3	4	maintain property values	30.	25	26-50%
anonymous 43	0-5 years	This is the first generation	2	3	4	1	6	5	Health	80	80	0-10%

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marion riordan	10- 20 years	This is the first generation		1				2	To be close to nature & to assist natural vegetation regeneration	1.5	N/A	0-10%	
anonymous 44	10- 20 years	Two generations	4	1	3		2			2	1	0-10%	
anonymous 45	More than 20 years	Four generations	4	2	6	3	5	1	tourism horticulture R&R farming	66.17	<20	76-100%	
anonymous 46	5 - 10 years	This is the first generation	3	1	2	4	5			6	42	10	11-25%
anonymous 47	5 - 10 years	This is the first generation				1		2	to avoid overcrowding in suburbia	8.36	nil	0-10%	
grahamd	10- 20 years	This is the first generation	4	1	2	3				105	80	0-10%	
anonymous 48	More than 20 years	Three generations	2	1	4	3		5		15	10	0-10%	
anonymous 49	10- 20 years	This is the first generation	3	1	2	5	4			140	4	11-25%	
anonymous 50	More than 20 years	Three generations	1	3	4	2	5			107	107	76-100%	
rosemary	More than 20 years	Two generations						1	no choice. My parents set up this family property. I put all my money into it and do not have a title	36 hectares	4 - but we get no mo	0-10%	
anonymous 51	More than 20 years	More than four generations	1	2	4	3	5			44	43	11-25%	

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anonymous 52	More than 20 years	Two generations	4	1	2	3			80	4	0-10%	
anonymous 53	0-5 years	This is the first generation	3	1	2	4	5		20	15	0-10%	
anonymous 54	0-5 years	This is the first generation	5	2	3	1	4		80	2	0-10%	
anonymous 55	5 - 10 years	Two generations	1	2				To work and live my values and principles	80.26	80.26	0-10%	
anonymous 56	More than 20 years	Three generations		1	2	4		3 Self sufficiency	60	1	0-10%	
anonymous 57	10- 20 years	This is the first generation	2	1	5	3	4		6	2.00	1.61	0-10%
anonymous 58	0-5 years	This is the first generation		1		2		3 Motorbikes - no where else to ride	1	0	0-10%	
anonymous 59	0-5 years	This is the first generation	3	1	2	6	4		5	2	1.5	0-10%
anonymous 60	More than 20 years	This is the first generation	5	1	4	2	3	6 The Views and quiet	2	1	0-10%	
anonymous 61	10- 20 years	Two generations	4	2	3	1			5	1	one	0-10%
anonymous 62	More than 20 years	Four generations	1	3	4	2	6		5	156.3	156.3	51-75%
anonymous 63	5 - 10 years	This is the first generation		3	2			1 To restore the forest	43	.25	11-25%	

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anonymous 64	10- 20 years	This is the first generation		1				2	3 space and storage	5	4	0-10%
anonymous 65	More than 20 years	Two generations	5	3	1	2	4			40	5-10	0-10%
anonymous 66	5 - 10 years	Three generations	4	1	2	3	5			4	3.5	0-10%
anonymous 67	0-5 years	This is the first generation			1					50	50 hectares	0-10%
anonymous 68	10- 20 years	This is the first generation	5	1	2	3	4			100	50	0-10%
anonymous 69	10- 20 years	Two generations	1	4	2	3	5	6 Farming is a means of experiencing and expressing myself spiritually. It is a whole of farm use		50	40	26-50%
anonymous 70	10- 20 years	This is the first generation						1 To manage the land for biodiversity		37	5	0-10%
anonymous 71	5 - 10 years	This is the first generation	3	1	4	6	5	2 run a farm related business		4.2	Plan to be 2.	0-10%
anonymous 72	More than 20 years	Two generations	5	1	3	2	6	4 environmental rehabilitation		46.05	20 hectares approx	0-10%
anonymous 73	More than 20 years	Four generations	1	4	3	2				181	171	76-100%
anonymous 74	10- 20 years	Three generations	1	3	5	2	4			52	30	76-100%

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anon 1		Yes					Yes					
stumpy		Yes					Yes		Yes	Yes Bed and breakfast + self contained cottage		
anon 2						Yes					Yes fruit trees	
anon 3						Yes	Yes					
Verna												Bringing back the bush and environmental values
anon 4						Yes	Yes	Yes				
anon 5							Yes	Yes			Yes Citrus trees	
Harry			Yes									
anonymous 6		Yes	Yes									Hardwood plantation in conjunction with State Forests. Conservation of native vegetation
rainer						Yes	Yes					
anon 7											Yes asian veg	
anonymous 8											Yes Davidson Plums, citrus	
anonymous 9												Native forest only
anon 10		Yes										
anonymous 11			Yes			Yes			Yes		Yes vegetables, herbs, bushfoods	Local native flora nursery for land repair, breeding and training Arabian horses
Arnie							Yes					
mango							Yes					

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Stephen							Yes		Yes	Yes We run an eco or sustainable Residential Retreat Centre and Health Spa in Uki called Gynea Eco Retreat & Spa - re www.gymearetreat.com.au We are committed to promoting practices that contribute positively to the challenge of long term Human Sustainability. These include spirit-mind-body retreats, wellness and well being retreats and hope to start running a range of "environmental sustainability" workshops and retreats focussing on Sustainable architecture, building, land care, environment regeneration.	Yes We have biodynamic registration / certification (not Organic) however we are focussed on producing food for our household and the residential retreat centre. We currently have modest farming activities, and they include: A citrus and fruit orchard which will be expanded to cover nut and avocados this winter. We also have chickens for egg production, and we plan to move into chickens and goats for meat production. We are considering planting cabinet timbers in the next few years.	
anonymous 12		Yes	Yes				Yes				Yes Aquaponic fish/vegetable growing	
Bernadette		Yes					Yes					
anon 13		Yes	Yes			Yes					Yes Vegetables and herbs	Bananas, mangos, Longans,
anon 14												Most of the property is under an NCT covenant which will protect this ecologically sensitive area for the natural flora and fauna

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anon 15		Yes					Yes					
anonymous 16							Yes					Llama breeding. Didnt go well, now just have two males.
anonymous 17							Yes					Bush regeneration and wildlife conservation
anon 18		Yes										
anon 19		Yes										
anon 20		Yes				Yes						forestry
IanW			Yes								Yes Garlic and Eggs and small crops	
harryc		Yes					Yes					
anonymous 21							Yes				Yes Finger Limes	
anon 22						Yes						
anon 23							Yes					
anon 24	Yes					Yes						
anonymous 25							Yes					Preservation of native bush and wildlife habitat. Regeneration of the land to viable bushland and habitat.  We run a photography business from an on site studio and also on our land is a mobile saw mill, a small scale home organic egg business and an non public artist studio.
anon 26							Yes					
anon 27						Yes	Yes					
chris core		Yes									Yes Macadamias	

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anonymous 28							Yes				Yes Edible Bamboo	
anon 29	Yes	Yes										pig raising
anon 30											Yes vegetables	
anonymous 31							Yes			Yes Daily visitors to a small business/cafe/ statues, home wares, ornamental plants, specialised bamboo		Small business, possible tourism, as above
anonymous 32												Majority of property leased for use as an equestrian centre.
anon 33							Yes					
anon 34			Yes			Yes	Yes					
anon 35		Yes						Yes				
JohnC							Yes					
anon 36											Yes	
anon 37		Yes	Yes				Yes					
ashilleong			Yes				Yes				Yes Table fish	
anonymous 38							Yes			Yes We run a website from home (since 1997) promoting tourism in the Tweed region: www.bigvolcano.com.au Our home occupies less than 1/2 hectare of our 4 hectare property. The balance is fully forested and devoted to maintaining native flora and fauna.		Yes

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anon 39	Yes		Yes				Yes	Yes				
anon 40							Yes					
anon 41		Yes	Yes				Yes					
anon 42	Yes	Yes										
anonymous 43	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes	Yes				Soil improvement Private native forestry Riparian zone restoration / enhance ecological function
marion riordan							Yes					
anon 44							Yes					
anon 45						Yes	Yes	Yes				
anon 46		Yes	Yes				Yes	Yes				
anon 47							Yes					
grahamd		Yes	Yes				Yes				Yes grapes, fruit and vegetables	
anon 48		Yes					Yes					
anon 49						Yes	Yes	Yes				
anon 50	Yes	Yes					Yes					

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rosemary												This is a very steep property(billy goat country) and it is only good for living here. It is a liability to me as it costs a lot of money for weed and noxious tree control. I owe a share in this property but have retired and don't have the money to upkeep it plus I have a severe lung condition which I've had since 3 yrs old so I'd be grateful if I could get a title to my 5.6 hectares but I'm not allowed at the moment. The whole family property is 75 acres.
anon 51		Yes										
anonymous 52			Yes				Yes				Yes	Orchards and vegetables
anon 53		Yes					Yes		Yes			
anonymous 54							Yes				Yes	Home food production, vegetables and fruit trees
anonymous 55		Yes										Home Based Business: Bookkeeping services and training for primary producers and small business.
anon 56							Yes					

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anon 57		Yes					Yes					
anon 58							Yes					
anonymous 59							Yes					Farm Forestry (proposed)
anon 60							Yes					
anon 61							Yes					
anon 62		Yes			Yes							
anonymous 63												Restoring the forest
anonymous 64							Yes					3 horses currently on property
anonymous 65							Yes				Eggs, honey sales. Any other type of food that will grow that we would like to eat.	
anon 66		Yes										
anon 67			Yes									
anon 68			Yes				Yes					
anon 69		Yes				Yes	Yes				Biological farming techniques. Not certified.	

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anon 70												We have been rehabilitating the bushland on the property for 20 years, and are having excellent results. The weeds are diminishing, and native fauna is increasing in both diversity and populations sizes. We actively manage both plant and animal pests.
anon 71						Yes	Yes	Yes		Plan to open a refreshment room with produce grown on site. Note income question below at point 7 is 0 - 10% now but will be 76 to 100% in the future.	Fruits and vegetables	
anon 72		Yes					Yes					Free agistment of neighbour's beef cattle on approx 20 hectares
anon 73		Yes										
anon 74		Yes			Yes							

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anonymous 1	Yes	Important	Yes		Unable to build enough housing for multiple owners as only 1 dwelling entitlement attached to whole of farm even though farm comprises multiple titles.	Retain in family and pass on to next generation	Inability to subdivide into smaller more suitable lots.	Landcare
stumpy	No		Yes		subdivision! if council allows rural properties to be sub-divided for housing estates remaining farms will be "rated out" as urban encroachment swallows them up + loss of lifestyle due to being surrounded by smaller and smaller lots.	Remain exactly as it is with protection against subdivision of surrounding properties	SUBDIVISION!	
anonymous 2	No		Yes		climate change csg mining	healthy harmony with nature	climate change csg mining	

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anonymous 3	No		No	Other I don't intend to leave but because we can't subdivide we will be forced to leave as succession planning (for 6 siblings) for this sort of thing is nigh on impossible to do without having to sell the property and split up the money generated from the sale.	I have six brothers and sisters in my family. My parents are in their 70s and because we can't subdivide the land into a more fair arrangement for our family, we will now have to sell to distribute the money generated evenly instead. Most of us don't want to do this but the current council policies are to keep the hinterland in the dark ages so the rich people of the coast can have both mountains and the sea to look at at their whim. I should be compensated for keeping this sort of amenity for other peoples gain. Now my family has to move away from the area so those that live in the urban sprwal can feel good about themselves while they gaze over the mountains i have helped to maintain. We need more freedom about what we can do with our land. Less red tape and please don't let the usual nay sayers and the extreme green keep hijacking public forums and swaying Council opinions.	Subdivision into smaller protions for the benefit of my family. Otherwise allow more dwellings to be added without the red (green) tape. Our property is no longer a farm but still has values we would like to maintain. Why should the ban on subdivision ruin my familys desire to live and contribute to the Tweed? Due to this sort of policy the tweed is missing out on a highly talented electrical engineer, an equally talented lawyer, a nurse, a superior teacher and two young environmental scientists. Ideally i would like the freedom to set up a multi faceted business that dips into several pools such as tourism, horticulture, organic vegetables and what ever else i come up with in the future.	Aging population will sell their viable farms to people who have little idea how to grow a plant let alone run a property in the subtropics. You can see now that many rural properties are turning into weed infested slabs of useless land. The term rural should be abolished for most of the Tweed as no one could make money from the land and pay back the massively inflated prices this sort of land now commands. The key issues are subdivision, excessive land values, little actual productivity and land being allowed to go to weeds because real farmers can't afford to get a start here anymore.	
Verna	No		Yes		If neighbouring properties are allowed vegetation clearing or subdivision it will diminish the value of my property to me and I will leave the area.	Enhanced biodiversity and habitat value	Too little protection of environmental values.	

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anonymous 4	No		Yes		State government and Tweed shire council passing law adverse to property owners, reducing FREEhold property owners rights by imposing new legislation that have adverse consequences to owners AND FAIL IN ANY WAY TO RECOMPENSE THE OWNERS FOR THEIR LOSS.	Rural with potential for either tourism or MO with likeminded small crops people. There is NO longer a rational economic argument to retain restrictions on landowners whom are unable to viably farm the land. Farming is NON economically viable. Continued expansion of legislation at Local state and federal levels continues t[o reduce the likelihood of the success of future of small agricultural businesses. Imposition of UNREASONABLE environmental restrictions should be stopped.	I manage a national heritage project on my property, and have protected approximately 1/3 of the land including all the riparian zone. I am however aware that the ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT IS out of control. Rampant green left wing environmental people place all landowners at risk.	
anonymous 5	No		Yes		As we're getting older its getting harder to maintain the land ..... Removing camphor, lantana etc, replanting local species along the creeks.	Would like to be able to legally offer our kids the opportunity to build a home for their family on the property. This would mean extra help to maintain the property as well as family support as we get older & we could stay in our home in retirement.	Threat of intensive residential subdivisions, however the degradation of the land (weed invasion) is also an issue. So many rural residents need to rely on off- farm incomes which then reduces the time they have to work on their land	Landcare
Harry	No		Yes		None	Remain as is with no services other than Electricity/ telephone		No

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anonymous 6	No		Yes		No real issues that can't be managed. Council rates are probably the main cost aside from farm maintenance. Land values are high as close to the Tweed Coast though I acknowledge we do get a concessional rural rate.	To retain the property in one large parcel. To continuing implementing improvements that will enable us to continue to manage the property.	There are many issues as rural industry is declining e.g. banana farming, vegetable growing, dairy. Many properties have been subdivided making them non viable.	No information provided from farming groups currently. When in full banana production the industry provided a lot of information and workshops. No information on beef cattle farming locally have to follow regional association information. Information initially provided on hardwood production but not local.
rainer	No		Yes			living out my retirement here	clean air, earth and water	
anonymous 7	No		Yes		ability to develop	self sufficiency with enough surplus to travel annually	development/subdivision pressure	

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anonymous 8	Yes	Important	Yes		aerial spraying of bananas in district compromising organic status.	My children live and manage the property	fragmentation making farm sizes unviable big money offered in the mines discourages relatively low returns of farming need to increase awareness of value of organic product	No, all the local ones seem to be run by farmers who want to subdivide their farms and get out rather than obtain the agricultural potential of their land
anonymous 9	No		No	Other Ill health	Weeds, it is too steep to farm, takes commitment to keep relatively weed free	Forest	Too much urbanisation	
anonymous 10	No		Yes		River bank erosion.	Rural residential.	Weed control. Feral animal control.	
anonymous 11	No		Yes		1. Risk of subdivision as older farmers subdivide their land and sell off to fund their retirements. Properties should not become so small that farming becomes economically impossible. Tweed Shire has potential to be a major food production hinterland for the Goldcoast. 2. Poor road maintenance and poor weed control along roads. 3. Need for wildlife corridor to link from Border Ranges to Wollumbin. If properly designed it could grow across rural lands too steep for grazing where there is current evidence of land slippage and slumping... including our own land.	That it continue to support an income on 66% of the land while having careful native regeneration continuing on the remaining 34%, for the simultaneous purposes of both the social and economic welfare of the area and the sustainable care of the environment.	The East Coast has more reliable rainfall than rural areas on the other side of the Great Divide. If the current population projections are fulfilled, there is a risk of loss of reliable ground for food production and loss of biodiversity in developmental impacts on species.	Landcare, beekeepers, neighbours, organic farmers
Arnie	No		Yes			Life-style property	Subdivision of existing farms	

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mango	No		Yes		it can not sustain any sort of farming, the weeds are getting very difficult to control as age is catching up with me	this land could be subdivided into 3 two acre blocks without any strain on the councils infrastructure,it would provide affordable land for someone especially as housing is out of reach for many people.if this came to fruition it would make life so much easier to look after this block.this land is really a magnificent wildlife area with such a diverse array of flora and fauna and could easily be shared by others		no
Stephen	No		Yes		1. The threat of Coal Seam Gas mining in the area is a VERY troubling issue, as this has the potential to completely erode our market offering, our business and quality of life. 2. I have the perception (not tested yet) that when we want to invest and expand our marketing offering and current investment in our facilities that there is a lot of Red Tape to go through when doing things the right way with Council. We are committed to doing things right, however the perception is that dealing with the council planning process is cumbersome, time consuming and non user friendly. Balancing that perception, is that when I have met with Council planning people (Marnie Jeffery), i have been delighted with her assistance. [More]	Eco Retreat, biodynamic farm, community, and natural environmental resource	Per question 10	The biodynamic farming association have been useful, but we are novice farmers, so any help we can get is appreciated. As a rule we don't find this kind of information easy to source.

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anonymous 12	No		Yes		Difficulty in management as we get older	Would like to be able to subdivide or allow our children to build houses and share lifestyle	I see no future in increased tourism, there is over-supply already. I see smaller local food producers in sustainable industries being the only future	Many aquaponic organisations
Bernadette	No		Yes			Subdivide so we can build a smaller house for our retirement and still stay in our community into which we have settled.		
anonymous 13	Yes	Important	No	To retire	The farm is my superannuation, I would to keep 5 hectares and sell the rest but this is not possible due to the out dated and irrelevant "40 hectare ruling". There is too much red tape involved in keeping the land cleared of weeds. Many farmers approaching retirement age are in the same situation and this is inequitable as we have worked hard providing food and employment for decades, only to have to walk away due to not being able to keep a few acres to live on in our retirement.	I would like to see it well used by younger farmers and for me to live on a small acreage around my homestead.	Red tape and the Greens making it too hard to farm. People no longer need large acreage to make a living due to intensive farming, e.g hydroponics, so subdividing larger holdings should be allowed. Camphor laurels and dingoes are pests.	Not really
anonymous 14	No		Yes		urban expansion; population growth	leave intact and enhance the biodiversity	as per question 10 Insensitive urban expansion and population growth	no

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anonymous 15	Yes		No	To earn more income	The inability to divide it into 3 blocks of 30 acres each.The property was neglected for over 30 years by previous owners and needs a lot of work to improve and maintain.Expensive and difficult for one landowner and considering the current market for rural land a waste of my money to spend on improvement,this land would be in much better condition if three landholders were caring for it.And a better chance of selling it in 3 lots at lower price each than the whole.Your land policies cause financial hardship particularly for those who purchased between 2001 and 2008.	Division into 3 lots,which would benefit the land and the Tweed Shire.Three families where there is now only one person would be an economic benefit to the Shire.My land is not suited to intensive profit producing agriculture,and needs improvement which due to its terrain is too much for one person,physically and financially.	A blanket restriction on housing permits for rural land less than 100 acres.Land which is of poor quality for agriculture and cannot be seen by passing tourists enthralled with the green open fields of the tweed Valley should be allowed to be divided into smaller acreages.	No.I pay the LHPA levy and get nothing in return.Twice I have had people out from council to seek assistance with weed management but they prefer to give help to the people of Kenya.
anonymous 16	No		Yes		Mortgage payments, may force us to sell.	To be able to subdivide off a residential block, pay out our mortgage and stay here.	Farmers too old and cash-strapped to take care of fencing, weed control etc.	Not really
anonymous 17	No		Yes			Large area of regenerated rain forest. □ Smaller area for small scale farming (probably beef cattle).	Population growth along the coastal strip.	Landcare. Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife.

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anonymous 18	Yes	Highly important	Yes		<p>The price we are paid for our cattle when we sell them</p> <p>The cost of the expenses we need to run the farm</p> <p>The ever rising local council rates, with no extra services provided or gravel roads bitumen</p> <p>The increasing rules and regulations forced onto us by people who don't earn a living off the land or university graduates who make decisions in an office without consulting us (so called experts)</p>	To be left to our 4 children, to do this the property would have to be able to be subdivided into smaller lots than are allowed. At the moment 40 ha is the smallest lot size.	<p>The cost of our local council rates</p> <p>The price we are paid for our produce</p> <p>The cost of expenses to run the property</p> <p>Jobs are made for experts in all types of industry, who set the laws we have to obey. For example, at the moment the Cudgen Drainage Union is trying to maintain the drainage system in our local area and we need the permission of FOUR government departments to proceed. This is bloody ridiculous.</p>	
anonymous 19	No		Yes		<p>Pressure of development.....conflicts between urban and grazing areas e.g.noise, uncontrolled dogs.....</p>	Remain rural with continuing care and improvement of the bush land.....possible low key rural tourism e.g.cabins, camping	<p>Pressure of development.....adapting to new ways of using land e.g. Some farmers may not need a large area, others would benefit from being able to process and sell on-site</p>	No
anonymous 20	No		Yes		<p>Noise and nuisance from dirt bikes.</p> <p>Weeds and adjoining properties that have no weed management strategy</p> <p>Uncertainty about the forest plantation(shared with NSW forestry)</p> <p>Not maintaining similar landuse on adjoining properties(ie residential subdivision in rural land=bad)</p>	<p>That it become economically viable</p> <p>That good land management becomes obvious and is recognised and rewarded.</p> <p>Forestry NSW planation give decisive plan for the future of the forest</p>	<p>Weeds,overgrazing and poor land management resulting in erosion,soil degredation as well as poor water quality for the Tweed.</p>	AIMS pasture management, Land care ,Tweed CMA.

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IanW	No		Yes		The continual use of clean water for farming, No CSG, allowance to build workers accommodation without the red tape.	A thriving Certified Organic Farm.	Pressure from Urbanisation and the outsourcing of food from overseas that dont have minimum wages. A fact that should be immoral for our governments to make as they support countries that don't support their workers.	Woollongbar TAFE, Murwillumbah TAFE, TROPO.
harryc	No		Yes		urbanisation of rural areas	leave zoning exactly as it is to keep the urban sprawl at bay. educational and financial support to pasture improve and investigate other farming activities	bloody housing estates!	
anonymous 21	No		Yes		Environmental zoning which restricts any use of the property such as harvesting any timber or using areas for organic farming. Bushfires would be a possible threat to conserving the rainforest on the property which has rare and threatened communities, flora and fauna. National Parks don't seem to manage surrounding sclerophyll forests which could cause a fire to threaten high conservation rainforest areas.	To live sustainably with the environment and figure out how to make a living from the property now and in the future.	Environmental protection.	Bush Regeneration/Conservation and Land Management skills from TAFE to help repair ecosystems from weed infestations. The ability to identify, propagate and plant local, native plants. Landcare.

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anonymous 22	No		Yes		<p>Lack of profitability. Whilst every other Australians wage/salary has risen by 20 times since 1974....ie YOU check...what did a teacher/policeman/busdriver/nurse/etc earn in 1974. What do those exact same people earn today...20 times. What do we farmers earn today? the exact same as in 1974, but our on farm costs have risen by 20 times. That is why there are no young farmers anymore...they saw just how hard we worked, for so little...so have chosen not to follow our footsteps. An expert once told us/me that the reason that there are no young farmers anymore is because the price of land is too dear...but there are 1200 rural rate payers...landowners, farmers here on the Tweed. We have land. We have children in their 30's, and our land is FREE to them but they have chosen to look elsewhere to earn an income that they can live on....rather than exist like us, their parents!....so how can experts claim that the reason for no young farmers anymore is because the price of land is too dear?!</p>	<p>We wish to do a community titled subdivision. We have spent many hundreds of thousands establishing our infrastructure...100 terraced roads[ google Earth us at 491 Bakers Road, Byangum, 2484] We have around 3,500 mango trees in the ground. Yes, we have lost profitability, like every other farmer. So what is the answer? We do not wish to see all of our 40 years work just left to deteriorate. We realised many years ago that basically farming is living on borrowed time. I, at 68 am the average age of the Australian farmer. We see that in order to survive, people need an income that they can survive on...a real job in town that earns then an income that they can live on.. Our suggestion is that we cut our farm into smaller units, where each landowner will have mango trees, so they can earn a small income. [More]</p>	<p>This country sold us out to guarantee cheap food, to buy industrial peace in the industrial areas of the country. To get around the fact that we farmers are an aging group, with no young farmers following us, the Federal Government took the path of importing food from Asian countries....Trade Deals. This put further pressure onto us....meaning that we had to produce a product here with Australian on farm costs, including labour....whilst many countries involved in this free trade, they operated with much lower labour costs....and were not subject to the same stringent chemical with holding measures that we had to comply with. With no profitability, there will be no future farmers. Fullstop!</p>	<p>For our lack of profitability...no no Government is interested in the ramifications caused by their industrial policies. But, in the beginning was Wage Indexation....its effects were like Cancer in Remission....there was always going to come a time when this Country would have to face up to the fact that THEY DESTROYED US!</p>

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anonymous 23	No		Yes		1. Coal Seam Gas mining anywhere in the Caldera. 2. Reviving the Rocky Cutting Dam proposal. 3. Urban style development ie subdividing large existing farms into fully serviced urban lot sizes. 4. Allowing subdivision of lots that are currently 2.5 - 10 hectares.	To be self sufficient.	1. Developers buying up large existing farms and obtaining approval to develop them into fully serviced urban lot sizes. 2. Allowing even further subdivision of lots that are currently less than 10 hectares. 3. Reopening the Rocky Cutting Dam proposal. 4. Permitting Coal Seam Gas mining anywhere in the Caldera.	None
anonymous 24	No		No	Other Area suitable for farming insufficient to be viable. Remainder still needs maintenance for weed control and resulting labour and expense. Unable to sell as a farm going concern.	Insufficient suitable land for a viable self supporting farming operation. Constant battle with weeds. Camphor laurel, devil's fig, fireweed, etc. Lack of finance.	Potential for sub division on non usable agricultural land.	As a whole farming is becoming less viable because of cheaper production costs in other areas. eg. Milk in Victoria, tomatoes and small crops in Bowen and Bundaberg, Bananas in North Queensland.	Dept of Agriculture. North Coast weeds.

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anonymous 25	No		Yes		No major concerns. Weed control and wild dogs need controlling to ensure the integrity of the bushland and native wildlife. Also climate change will probably see the rainforest become unviable so close to the sea so we will see palms and other rainforest species struggle.	complete regeneration of the bushland/forest and higher environmental/conservation protection for our land.	the loss of it to development. The break up of land not leaving adequate amount or in the right areas to sustain local native wildlife and biodiversity. This is my number one concern. Also I would like to see tweed become a sustainable food bowl for the region so viable farmland should not be developed although since organic farms are not necessarily run on such large scales some downsizing is okay as long as land is still left for farming or regenerated back to bush.	
anonymous 26	No		Yes			I bought this property for the land and space, my preferred future is to live in the same lifestyle I do now, NOT in a built up area! I live in a rural/residential area to enjoy the lifestyle	The threat of CSG which I am totally against, and should NEVER happen here!	
anonymous 27	No		Yes		Development or subdivision of surrounding properties. □ Threat of CSG or coal mining.	As most of my property is natural, original forest, I hope it can stay that way into the future as part of the remaining "green lungs" of the Tweed Valley.	The destruction of arable food producing land by CSG/coal mining	No

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chris core	Yes	Unsure	Yes		We are a Multiple Occupancy. Issues one generation later include responsibility for fencing and infrastructure, weed control and more generally - progression	Conversion to Community Title eg Byron Shire. That way each of the three partners would know exactly what they had - and what they had to look after. We have had representations with TSC - who say its a State matter, and State Govt - who say that its a local matter! Our houses are fully approved- a model for conversion we think!	Large developers dominating/negating any other land title changes so that they can maximise their "returns" - ie, Developers holding a monopoly on any new developments. Thus, there is no competition, and the result is a "race to the bottom" in terms of crowded, poorly planned and serviced blocks. Unsustainable housing!	Dept of Ag.
anonymous 28	No		Yes		fertility, stormwater run-off, irrigation	organic farming	Petroleum exploration licences, suburban sprawl	
anonymous 29	No		Yes		Imported food & costs	Rising costs & imports are forcing farmers out of the industry. Imports from cheap labour & subsidies are keeping our prices down.	Land prices are too dear for farmers to survive. Young people have no chance to start farming. They could not afford to pay the interest & can make better money elsewhere.	Combinrd Rural Industries Assn.
anonymous 30	No		Yes		lack of available workers.rising costs.low returns for produce.	continue farming if it remains cost effective	financial viability	australian sweet potato growers association
anonymous 31	No		Yes		Opposition to urban development, coal seam gas, internet access, management of flying foxes, control of pest vegetation, council requirements.	Daily visitors to a small business/cafe/ statues, home wares, ornamental plants, specialised bamboo - Alternate power development, AVOIDANCE of coal seam gas	Threat of urban development. internet access, Poor roads.Coal Seam Gas	Landcare.

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anonymous 32	No		Yes		Our ability to have sufficient income to afford to stay on our property. □	Rural residential zoning. Our property was originally part of a single 500 acre farm. In 1974, for a short time rural properties were allowed to totally into 25 acre blocks. That was a grave mistake. You now have 500 acres that is totally non productive agriculturally . Rather than put pressure on largefarms for the provision of rural lifestyle, areas such as ours should be used to provide lifestyle blocks. Having said that the size of those blocks should not be determined by yield but by amenity.	Financial viability. You would not start a retail business if you knew before you opened that your profit would be less than your wage for packing shelves at Woolies. State government support for rural industries. Leaving rural industries to the mercy of private enterprise only invites the get rich quick merchants[Taro, Bamboo] to peddle their wares. What will happen to Tweed's cane land when, not if it goes to the wall? Rice and Soya beans have been tried as either primary or secondary crops. In the time that these things have been tried the local D.P.I. has been reduced from 7? to 1? There is no commitment to rural industries in Tweed Shire.	Not particularly. Most of the useful information we received was from other growers or the Ag Dept,
anonymous 33			Yes		expense in maintaining any of it	revegetation	continued affordable power supply, quality communications, rates	landcare, northern rivers catchment management authority

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anonymous 34	No		Yes		Possible dam acquisition if it goes ahead. Property was never affected when I purchased it and all searches revealed it was not affected. However, as the planning of the possible future dam and now increased the buffer zone, I am now possibly affected.	Residential	Over population and lack of decent road structure and maintenance. Keep the status quo.	
anonymous 35	No		Yes		Farming costs and poor returns make farming non-viable. Going out to work means landcare falls behind. □ Aging landowners who work off farm make it very difficult.	i would like my daughter to be able to work the land and pursue her agriculture business in a viable way.	The competition between rural land use and residential expansion continues to put pressure on remaining farmers. It decreases networks and limits mutual support. Ultimately farms will disappear from the Tweed. The decline of the banana industry is an example. now the decline in the beef cattle industry with the decline cattle going through the sale yards. We now sell at Casino.	
JohnC	No		No	To earn more income	Too hard to make a living. I grew bananas for many years with disease and low market prices finally taking its toll.	Would like to subdivide into 5 acre lots to give the kids a block to be able to bring their children up in a rural setting. I cannot retire there as I would not be eligible for the pension so i would be forced to sell.	Cost of keeping/maintaining against ability to provide an income from the land.	
anonymous 36	No		Yes					

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anonymous 37	No		Yes		Finding time to manage the whole 100 acres. Getting on top of noxious weeds (camphour laurel, devils fig, privet etc) is a full time job in itself but doesn't pay the bills. The cattle sale yard closing down. Lack of a Tweed Valley Co-op.	Continue farming but also explore other options such as cabins for accommodation that could co-exist with the farm. Utilising part of the property for mountain bike (bicycle) riding.	The start up costs required to explore other uses for rural land whether that be agricultural or recreational/tourism.	The workshops run/coordinated by Sebastien at TSC.
ashilleong	No		Yes					
anonymous 38	No		Yes		Coal seam gas exploration and extraction: there is coal in our creek and the old coal mine that supplied Murwillumbah for many years is only 1 km away. Lack of fibre optic broadband will eventually disadvantage our internet business.	That it remain undeveloped for any purpose except our residence and the refuge of native flora and fauna	Over development, coal seam gas mining,	Northern Rivers Guardians, Caldera Environment Centre, Lock the Gate Alliance
anonymous 39	No		Yes		Fresh water & clean air & unpolluted land are of prime importance for dairy farming & vegetable growing. Any drilling in the proximity of the region will destroy the underground water reserve in time of drought. Coal Seam Gas drilling will definately cause the biggest environmental destruction in the area. Once the damage is done, there is no redress & devastation cannot be reversed. Chemicals cannot decontaminate the air, water & land.	Keep the whole Tweed region clean & pristine & the clean water of life will continue to flow to nourish the land for humans as well as domestic animals & wild life.	Mining for short term gain will chase farmers off the land because they do not have the financial might to fight against the invasion. It will be a sad day when we have to import milk & food from overseas countries. The moonscape left behind by a pseudo mining company will laugh at the face of the stricken farmers whose livelihood depend on the land with good water reserve & clean air.	
anonymous 40	No		Yes		Weed infestation, over-development	Regeneration to natural and sustainable levels	Over-development, weed infestation	Tweed Landcare Inc

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anonymous 41			Yes		weed control water security river bank erosion	increase riparian habitat high value crop	low product price weed control urban expansion infringing on rural activities	NSW Farmers
anonymous 42	No		Yes		Uncertain markets, low value of produce, expanding costs and imported goods	To hold the property until retirement. to develop it when better opportunities and demand for farm products are needed. To grow organically where possible.	High costs of rates, electricity , insurance, irrigation licenses and maintenance of machinery.	Nothing local.
anonymous 43	No		Yes		Personal debt vs farm return due to supermarket monopoly. Need to work off-farm which reduces my farm business development opportunities as well as farming community presence to almost nil. Skilled farm labour availability.	Hold - long term asset. Hand on to kids. Improve the ecological health of the land / river. Contribute to the health and betterment of the small community in the area. Develop income producing capacity.	Land prices. Keeps would-be small producers away - especially young families trying to start up. This results in fractured transient community and provides resource companies with opportunity for foothold in areas they just shouldnt be. Need to reduce impact of supermarket monopolies to give better percentage yield to small farmers so they can make a go of it. Generate more incentive for direct farmer / customer relationships.	
marion riordan	No		Yes		Drought & increasing temperatures hindering the sustainability of the native forest ecosystem on mine & adjoining properties.		Not enough value & support given to local agricultural produce to keep it viable. MUCH too great a weight placed on urban residential development even when it is NOT economically viable for the overall community	

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anonymous 44	No		Yes		to keep this quiet rural village lifestyle and not have any high density housing	maintain this rural lifestyle	Not to put in high density housing where there is no prospect of employment and no public transport, therefore these areas would become ghettos with many problems.	
anonymous 45	No		Yes		Our major concern is that Government at one or more levels of authority ( including ancillary organisations ), may introduce sweeping regional changes that would seriously affect several aspects of ownership and various intended land developments .	To see provision made at Local and State Government levels for our marginal quality land holding consisting of mostly steep ex-banana ground with extensive eucalypt and rainforest regrowth and plantings to be considered better suited to environmental-rural-commercial, compatible pursuits than traditional Tweed farming. [More]	Demographic studies of coastal SEQ - NR predict heavy population in the medium term. The corollary is that increasing pressure to downsize some rural properties would be exerted.	None
anonymous 46	Yes	Important	Yes		Threat from council re-zoning and imposing onerous restrictions such as wildlife corridors through active paddocks. (This does not mean I disapprove of wildlife corridors; Council should consult more with landowners)	Being allowed to build farm-stay or Wwoofer-type accomodation so that I can continue to run the property when I am older.	Council & State government not drowning landowners with one-rule-fits-all policies created by people without local rural experience. Climate change.	Unofficial gatherings of neighbours. (Thursday Shed Night..) Ag-Facts and similar websites (such as NSW&Vic DPI websites
anonymous 47	No		Yes			I would like to subdivide the property!	The cost of rates increasing! Agricultural properties needing assistance to maintain their incomes in farming!	

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grahamd	No		Yes		There is NO small acreages ( 1to 5 ) for people in the tweed yet many people want this sized land for a rural lifestyle.□ It is difficult to earn a reasonable income on this sized property. We use what we can manage and let a few cattle roam on the rest to keep the weeds down.	Keep 100 acres for lifestyle / farming and allow the rest to be subdivided into rural blocks	Too hard to make money with small farms, not enough money to pay others to help. Farmers all getting older, young people too smart to work the land :)	Organic association
anonymous 48	No		Yes		Viability and The need to subdivide and share the farm with our four sons.	To cut off blocks of five acres or less .	Viability.	Yes but our land is not good farming land and we cannot run enough cattle to provide a reasonable income.
anonymous 49	No		Yes		*) that state and/or local govt apply unworkable zonings upon me that are not sensitive to the specifics of my land and livelihood.□ *) that continued nearby urban expansion bring additional threats and costs to my land and livelihood □	that legislative bodies work WITH me to ENCOURAGE productive outcomes that improve the environmental and agricultural value of my property WITHOUT compromising my livelihood.	Government 'Big stick' policies instead of 'carrot offering' ones that inspire backlash not cooperation from landholders	
anonymous 50	No		Yes		lack of return on produce	keep farming	urban sprawl, lifestyle blocks, ratbag politicians,greenies, supermarket duopoly	Norco and the Department of Agriculture
rosemary	No		Yes		The key issues will be the next generation fighting over what areas they have to upkeep as there are no boundaries on this property just my sister and brother know what is mine. Once we die it will be a disaster.	They we be allowed to cut it up into one or two acre lots for the next generation. (36 grandchildren)	It is too steep here and we are getting too old. Aged population	

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anonymous 51	No		Yes		Lack of economic viability. Inflexible planning policies. Lack of working capital. Having to work off farm means property productivity is declining. It is too big and too small.	To be able to subdivide into smaller areas to encourage lifestylers, tree changers to achieve their dream of owning land, developing small acreage intensive farming and niche cropping. Apart from the cane land, the Tweed is no longer capable of large scale agricultural production. Land values are prohibitive and much of the Tweed has soils which are of poor quality and lacking in depth. ( refer Soil landscapes of the Murwillumbah- Tweed Heads 1:100000 sheet D.T. Morand 1996)	Inflexible planning policies. Lack of economic viability. Large areas of poor quality soil. Too great an input from non-farming vested interest groups with little or no understanding of the realities of farming. Land valued as "lifestyle" with zero relevance to agricultural capabilities. No ability to raise capital to increase property size, develop a new farming enterprise or to invest off farm so the farmer can be at home farming. Invasion of noxious weeds (e.g. camphor laurel, giant devils fig) being encouraged by "green" Council policies.	The Combined Tweed Rural Industries Association (CTRIA) formed in the early 1980s to lobby Tweed Shire Council to introduce rural differential rating has continually lobbied all levels of government on behalf of Tweed Farmers. [More]
anonymous 52	No		Yes		The proposed Byrill Creek dam would flood the most viable agricultural land	To be dedicated as a Conservation for Wildlife area, as the property is steep, forested and buffers Wollumbin National Park & is part of a major wildlife corridor linking Mt Warning with Mebbin National park, and has been documented with a high percentage of threatened species.	Coal Seam Gas Mining should not be allowed.. it will destroy both our water, agricultural land & the scenic beauty of this shire. Diminishing habitat for our koalas and other threatened species. The growing urban sprawl on to rural lands, and farmers requesting to subdivide their land for their retirement package. [More]	Biochar Biodynamics

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anonymous 53	No		Yes		Introduced noxious weeds, The threat of Coal Seam Gas.	Eco tourism, organic farming, reforestation.	Coal Seam Gas, Insufficient environmental controls to protect the unique biodiversity and pristine aspects of rural land. Insufficient support to farmers & landholders to maintain biodiversity on their land.	No. Support is not easily accessible. Funding for weed control is non-existent. There is no cohesion in rural support delivery.
anonymous 54	Yes	Unimportant	Yes		Weed infestations, risk of bushfire.	We live on a rural co-operative - I would prefer to see a functioning community that continues to look after the land and work together.	Soil and waterway degradation. Over grazing, particularly along the riparian zone. Impacts of climate change on land and ecosystems. Management of noxious weeds and the importance of strategic bush regeneration, particularly along creek lines and waterways.	Sustainable agriculture and biological farming groups, such as TROPPO, Biological Farmers of Australia, Biodynamic Home gardeners Association.
anonymous 55	No		Yes			100% agriculture use; 90-100% income from property	Government, State and Local Government regulations, population expansion from the coast inland, infrastructure for marketing venues and transport facilities and structures eg roads.	NSW Farmers Association TAFE AIMS Ag (Agricultural Information and Monitoring Service) DPI

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anonymous 56	No		Yes		As children get older and marry and move away there is too much maintenance for older residents on large blocks. There is a need to keep only what can be maintained and possibly sell off any excess but this is not possible because of the restriction of building permits to 100 acre blocks. Aging of rural land holders and can no longer afford maintenance.	Would like our 50 acre block to be able to get a building permit for a family member. To be totally self sufficient in respect to food and energy. Possibly to be involved in eco-tourism on a small scale.	The environmental disaster of coal seam gas extraction. All forested land is now completely locked up. Only 3 approvals have been given in the last 10 years to clear forested land for banana growing or other agriculture Future damming of the Oxley River.	No
anon 57	No		Yes					
anonymous 58	No		Yes				Productive farmland should be retained and not sub divided. Small lots like mine are useless for food production or any type of farming.. Sad really as the land i fertile and should be used for farming but by subdividing and providing building entitlements the farm as a business is cost prohibitive.	
anonymous 59	No		Yes		Dont understand the question! Management issues include weeds mainly. Land use issues - ?	Remain the same.	Ensuring the productive capacity of those areas with Ferrosols and Vertisols given the pressure to sub-divide. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensuring the ability to sub-divide without reducing the character of the Tweed as a Rural based Shire <input type="checkbox"/> Building a capacity to produce a variety of local produce (promote markets, crops and management)	Farm Forestry Association <input type="checkbox"/>

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anonymous 60	No		Yes		Over development	residential / rural farming	Long term owners are asset rich and cash poor subdivision should be allowed to create 5 Ha blocks in some areas close to Murwillumbah.	
anonymous 61	No		Yes		PROVISSION FOR CHILDREN AND RETIREMENT	Soils on ridges and spurs to poor for agricultural use.	Council needs to recognise that increased rural population is proportional to increased planting and growing own food and trees therefore increased vegetation. More intense use of property	unknown
anonymous 62	No		Yes		low prices for our product, increasing costs, inability to support more than one family as in the past, increasing need for off-farm income, difficulty of diversifying successfully, succession planning, distance from abattoir, failure of MLA/Australian Government to protect overseas markets, being price takers and not price makers, cost of weed control, red tape, our age.	We prefer that it continue as a family property, but economic pressures mean that children must seek alternative careers.	Economic viability, the ageing farming population, increased regulations, the need to facilitate the transition from dairying/beef to more intensive agricultural activities on smaller holdings, protection of Australian products from cheap imports, financial support for protecting the environment.	
anonymous 63	No		No	Other To move to a smaller rural property, closer to town	1. Climate change <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Low income from horticulture <input type="checkbox"/> 3. High input labour costs	To return to forest in perpetuity	Erosion <input type="checkbox"/> Weeds <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat loss <input type="checkbox"/> Species loss <input type="checkbox"/> Unstable ecosystems	Landcare

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anonymous 64	No		Yes		Rising costs of upkeep. Inflexibility of council when it comes to land use and what is defined as rural business. We are custodians of a small piece of (hilly) land. People need encouragement - maybe in the form of subsidising native tree planting as buffer zones to encroaching urban areas - not obstacles. All new ideas need to be assessed on a much broader basis, as small home based businesses are becoming necessary due to rising commercial costs and lack of other employment opportunities. Sustainability will be a key issue for us, growing our own food, investing in solar, etc. Advice and encouragement (financial and other) from governments would be helpful. We would like to be in a position to encourage our own children to return in the future.	I am uncertain at this point as I feel the future for all is a little uncertain. I am interested in eco-style cabins/bed and breakfast/ camping.	Economical viability. Educating people on new farming or land use ideas that look to the future and not just immediate economic gain.	Organic Gardening Ass.
anonymous 65	No		Yes		Rates rising. Rezoning. Weeds - camphor - new weeds, very prickly trunk (Devils Fig)	To remain as is but making improvements.	Population growth. Weeds.	TROPO; BHE; Brisbane Rare Fruit Growers
anonymous 66	No		Yes		Value of the property. Subdividing.	Subdividing.	Footpaths.	Landcare and Dexter Cattle Assoc
anonymous 67	Yes		Yes		It has been neglected for 40 years and will need large capital to restore. Also having been neglected some aspects of the property might have been let go.	Fruit and vegetables.	Price. Neglect.	

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anonymous 68	No		Yes		Maintain Biodiversity. Climate change.	Sell or family inheritance - not sure.	Over population. Subdivision for housing. Pollution from farm animals (cows in the rivers).	NSW Department of Agriculture. Caldera Environment Centre.
anonymous 69	No		Yes		Sustainability - economics. Pressure of costs & regs (federal, state & local) Int pressures on prices - pecans and cattle. At our age, we need to be able to build a second dwelling on this farm to allow a second generation (family) to live here and work the farm. Otherwise we will be forced to leave, sell & live elsewhere. The shire needs to allow 2 dwellings on a farm of 100 acres, provided that the farm has been operating for 15-20 years ie a bonafide family farm (not residences for development and sale separately). Thus to retain farmers in the shire, a system for a second generation to live & work the property beside their parents needs to be arranged. The system must be simple, not expensive for permits and be organised for real farmers (ie 20 + years) and not property speculators. We can do anything to help the land and farming output providing we have the money.	To develop the farm as top produce of quality produce (mainly nuts) which we are selling and hope to increase the sales locally. We would like to pass it on as a viable working property in the future.	Large areas are being purchased by lifestyle hobby farmers who work almost entirely off farm and use outside money to purchase and run their land. This places pressure on existing farmers and people who wish to farm as they cannot cover costs from farm income and they are often forced to sell. Furthermore there is often conflict of interests between farmers and lifestyle occupiers. The reduced number of farmers makes the viability of farmers support services less secure eg produce merchants, cattle saleyards, tractor and machinery dealers etc.	Australian Pecan Growers Association. Nutritech Solutions - Graeme Sait. Action on the Ground group - Tweed Shire.

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anonymous 70	No		Yes		<p>1. Rate rises.  2. Splitting land in rural areas into smaller, lifestyle blocks. These smaller blocks tend to be taken on by people that either dont understand land management requirements or simply dont have the skills required to manage pest species and look after the natural environment, whilst be supportive of surrounding agricultural activites.</p>	<p>The preferred future for our property is to continue to be a privately owned extension of the national park that we butt up to.</p>	<p>Splitting land into blocks that are not sustainable for use as a farm, and are let run to weeds and host feral animals.  Farmers wanting to 'cash in' on the land and not rememebring that future generations will need to farm to provide this country with food.  Lack of adequate support from state government agencies to manage pest species.  Diminishing resources within agencies that used to support private land conservation, such as CMA and ET.</p>	<p>Not really.</p>
anonymous 71	No		Yes		<p>given our proximity to the coast - we are in Carool - potential for change of zoning could happen in future which we would strongly resist. Need to maintain the rural character. No subdivision.</p>	<p>For it to remain a green belt, very accessible from the coast with enhanced tourism businesses in the area.</p>	<p>Development. We're happy NOT having services e.g. town water and sewerage</p>	
anonymous 72	No		Yes		<p>The ability to maintain the control of noxious weeds.</p>		<p>Intensive development ( as per Gold Coast) occurring on agricultural land and environmentally sensitive areas</p>	

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anonymous 73	No		Yes		The price we are paid for our produce. The cost of our expenses running the farm The government restrictions put on our property, example environmental protections and inability to subdivide for estate planning purposes and not being able to let our children build on the property	For our children to live and work on the farm, and make a decent living without having to go out to work full time	The price we are paid for our produce and the cost of expense to run the property The restrictions put on us by the government departments	
anonymous 74	No		No	To retire	Land use restrictions. Low commodity prices. High input costs. Climate change. Lack of next generation farmers.	To have affordable choices regarding income generation. ie 2nd or 3rd dwelling for family, rental or sale of portion/s.	residential expansion in unsuitable areas .Restrictive policies. Degradation due to poor use practices.	no





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anonymous 13	3		2	1 Removal red tape. And a minimum price structure				No
anonymous 14				n/a to my land but Australian farmers in general should be subsidised to grow food for local consumption			1 Farmers should be encouraged to share farm; lease part of their land to young interested people. They should be encouraged to mentor young people	Yes
anonymous 15	4	5	2	6	3	7	1 Subdivision of the land I own into 3 lots.	Yes
anonymous 16							1 Being able to subdivide or have a second detached residence to rent out.	Yes
anonymous 17	2		3		1			Yes
anonymous 18	2		1	3 The supermarkets are buying our produce at cheap rates and selling it for a huge profit. We grow and nurture our produce to the best of our ability and are paid a pittance The government needs to get their finger out and help the farmers to get a fair price for their produce, or in the near future there will be no farmers left and you will be eating imported food, cheap but nasty				No

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anonymous 19	2	4	1	5 Recognise that farming and grazing and the preservation of good farming land is important for the future, not only for our food supply but for the landscape of the Tweed and for the well being of the people who live here and for the tourism industry.	3			Yes
anon 20	4	3	2	5	6	1	7	Yes
IanW				1 If the goveremnt is taking the immoral step of outsourcing food from countries with no minimum wage standards then local Farmers need to be paid subsidies like in Europe to ensure food security within Australia.			2	Yes
harryc	2	6	3	4 educational and financial ... help us find other uses for our farm and then give grants to get started.	1	5		Yes
anon 21								Yes
anonymous 22				2 You will not like this. The Federal Governments sold us out for political expediency. They wanted cheap food to buy industrial peace. For years Mr Howard talked about this Countries wonderful wealth. Suppose the Federal Governments had not tilted the once level playing field...suppose every Australian family had had to pay an extra 1,2,300\$/week, so that we had retained both parity, and a fair go...this Country's wonderful living conditions would have not looked so rosy would it? [More]				No
anon 23	1				2			Yes

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anonymous 24			2		1		3 More engagement with landholders in weed control.	Yes
anon 25								Yes
anon 26								No
anonymous 27				Not a farmer			Assistance in weed control/erosion control	Yes
chris core	2	1	3	4 Change in Land titles to allow Multiple Occupancies to convert to Community Title so that growers had certainty to invest in products and techniques knowing that they own their plantation. TSC should do this, not pretend its a State instrument. Byron Shire created the planning instrument.	5	6	7 We have a CMA joint project with TSC and a Koala connections project, also with TSC. More semi-government assistance like this would be good. However the recent LEP reversion to an earlier plan has not recognised our joint projects.	Yes
anon 28	1	4	3		2			Yes
anonymous 29			1	2 Stopping imports. Product are subsidised in other countries & surpluses dumped in our country			3 Stop imports.	Yes
anonymous 30	4		1	5 more money made available for marketing and R and D		2	3 available seasonal pickers for harvesting crops	Yes

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anonymous 31	3	6	4	1 Grants to set up small businesses, internet and phone connections	2	5	7	Yes
anony 32								No
anony 33	2	5	4	3 increasing current bill expenses.	1	6	7	Yes
anony 34			1					No
anonymous 35	2		1	3 Government support in making farming more viable by lowering costs and reducing and in some cases eliminating government charges and expectations eg. NLIS system. support for young people to take up farming.	4			No
JohnC			1					Yes
anon 36	3	5	4	1	2	6		Yes
anonymous 37	2	6	1	4 More funding to assist in the management of native bush land on the property that is not used for farming.	3	5	7	Yes
ashilleong	1	3	4	6	5	2	7	Yes
anonymous 38							1 Fibre optic NBN to our premises.	No
anonymous 39	2	3	5	1 2km off limit from rural land for mining companies is not good enough because underground water & rivers flow a long way. The wind blows & toxic gas can travel far & wide. To make farming & cattle grazing viable, the whole rural region of Tweed should be protected from the onslaught of the mighty overseas mining companies. Licences for CSG should be withdrawn so farmers can plan for the future without any threat	4			Yes

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anony 40								Yes
anonymous 41	3	6	1	2 Area wide management of the natural environment - that is council manage its land and contribute to the minimization of weeds and pests in the area. Provide funds/assistance/ to landholders so they can conduct riparian regeneration on ALL water causeways.	4	5	7 better roads	No
anonymous 42	7	4	6	5 Local markets to be for local produce and not as a clearing house for the centralised markets in Brisbane	3	2	1	Yes
anonymous 43	2	4	1	3 Grants for small farm business start-up. (Infrastructure eg water / yards ) Interest-rate subsidy for small landholders engaged in production for local markets	6	5		Yes
marion riordan						1		No
anon 44								No
anon 45	5	4	3	6	2	7	1	Yes
anonymous 46	3	5	2	1 NOT creating cost, stress, and uncertainty with repetitive iterations of the Tweed LEP. Simplify the approval of farm-worker accomodation.	4	6	7	Yes
anonymous 47							1 I would like our small farmlet (non productive) to be a small development of 1 2 or 5 acre lots !!!	No
grahamd	3	1	2	4 ha	5			Yes

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anonymous 48	2	5	3	1 far more responsive state and local govt legislation that recognizes my mix of resources and limitations and works with me (not against me) to promote better ecological and agricultural outcomes WITHOUT eroding my livelihood	4	6		Yes
anonymous 49	3	6	1	2 give the farmers legislation of a fairer and better return for produce so supermarkets cannot unfairly drive the price down. eg milk prices should be higher than they are to farmers as there is a shortage of milk and yet price decreases.	5	4		Yes
anonymous 50							1 For us as a family to be able to have our own titles, to know which section is ours.	No
rosemary	4	5	1	3	2			No
anon 51	1		2					Yes
anonymous 52	4	5	1	2 On site support by qualified experienced agronomists etc. Funding for weed control & direct support eg; supply to the site of appropriate bio controls.	3	6		Yes

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anonymous 53	1	3	6	2 Assistance in transitioning from soil carbon depleting activities, such as standard grazing practices and burning sugar cane prior to harvest, towards soil carbon building activities such as cell/controlled grazing, green cane harvesting/minimal tillage cultivation. Providing council incentives for composting green waste and food scraps to provide to rural farmers should be encouraged by local government.	5	4	7 In the long term, chemical/extractive farming will not be productive when one considers soil degradation and water pollution. [More]	Yes
anonymous 54	4		1	2 I am interested to hear the details of the Farm Finance - Concessional Loans from DAFF - Dept Ag Fisheries Forrestry coming out soon. If I am not eligible as a not full time farmer then a structure like this for part time farmers to become full time farmers.	3			Yes
anonymous 55	3			1 Payment of a carbon incentive to land holders with large tracts of existing forested land which now cannot be used for anything. We simply pay rates to own land which is in fact completely useless for anything else. [More]			2 Bee-keeping to utilize the local forests.	No
anonymous 56	4	6	1	2 Advertising and buying of local produce. Better pricing for local farmers and to help them to reach their goal and support their families as well.	5	3	7	Yes
anonymous 57								

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anonymous 58				3 The EU provides subsidies for their farmers to ensure food security - Australia has opened the doors and effectively shut down non corporatised frming in Australia. Any land of value they are selling to the Chinese - madness.			2 Make rural land more affordable. Do this by removing building entitlements and treating the land as a business not a piece of dirt to build a castle.	No
anonymous 59				2 Weed management is an issue - while Landcare is a "community" based program it has a limited reach  A weed management strategy that targets individual catchments / groups of property owners and provides resources to systematically treat weed would be a good initiative.			3 Resources to target weeds - in a targetted area. Could we get the Council to approach a group of land owners and develop a program of assistance to initially treat weeds - with the individual taking over once the initial clearing / treatments has been undertaken?	Yes
anonymous 60				3 Higher pension for long term owners old farmers and recover debt on sale of property				Yes
anonymous 61								Yes

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anonymous 62	2		1	3 Protection of overseas markets, an honest price for our product, support for our environmental practices, better marketing facilities.				Yes
anonymous 63	4		2	3 Extension Officers	5		1 Conservation of local ecosystems	Yes
anonymous 64				Financial encouragement and advice on sustainable practices to leave this land in a better state than we at present			1	Yes
anonymous 65	1		5	2 Less bureaucracy.	3		4 Less bureaucracy.	Yes
anonymous 66	3	4	1	2	5			Yes
anonymous 67								No
anonymous 68								No
anonymous 69	2		1	3 Reduction in red tape and regulations at all 3 levels of govt.	4		5 Continuation of Tweed sustainability programme - it brings farmers together and helps them feel valued by Shire and other residents of shire.	Yes
anonymous 70	1			Pest animal management				Yes

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anonymous 71				Grants for establishing rural agricultural tourism businesses.	2		Active promotion by the council of existing tourism operators in Carool	Yes
anonymous 72								No
anonymous 73		3		1 Stop the government departments restricting our farming practices by zoning land environmental protection				No
anonymous 74		4		1 Rates, Fees, Tax reductions	3	5		Yes

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	Book keeping	Farm business management	Organic farming techniques	Soil managment	Animal husbandry	Other (please specify)		
anonymous 1	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable		No	50-59
stumpy	Unsure	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable alternative land use for soil types/markets	Yes	50-59
anonymous 2			Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable			Yes	60 or over
anonymous 3	Unsure	Not valuble at all	Quite valuable	Unsure	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable Learning how to mine for gold. If you can't find gold on your land then good luck paying it off on a low income. Tweed average income is about \$36,000 per year.	Yes	I don't own and operate my property
Verna	Not valuable at all	Not valuble at all	Not valuble at all	Quite valuable	Not valuble at all	Quite valuable Weed identification and control technique.	No	I don't own and operate my property
anonymous 4	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable		Yes	40-49
anonymous 5	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable		No	60 or over
Harry				Extremely valuable			No	60 or over
anonymous 6	Not valuable at all	Not valuble at all	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable		Yes	60 or over
rainer	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable		No	50-59

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anonymous 7	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Not valuble at all		Yes	40-49
anonymous 8	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable		Yes	40-49
anonymous 9							No	60 or over
anonymous 10	Not valuable at all	Not valuble at all	Not valuable at all	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Not valuable at all	No	60 or over
anonymous 11	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable		Yes	50-59
Arnie	Not valuable at all	Unsure	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Unsure	Not valuable at all	No	50-59
mango	Unsure	Unsure	Quite valuable	Quite valuable			No	50-59
Stephen	Extremely valuable	Unsure	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable Community engagement. We would love to share our property and learnings with our local Tweed community, via some kind of sustainable forum of interested parties and open days etc..	Yes	40-49
anonymous 12	Unsure	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable		No	60 or over

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Bernadette	Not valuable at all	Not valuable at all	Not valuable at all	Not valuable at all	Not valuable at all	Not valuable at all	No	60 or over
anonymous 13	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable		Yes	60 or over
anonymous 14	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Unsure	Not valuable at all	No	60 or over
anonymous 15	Not valuable at all	Not valuable at all	Not valuable at all	Quite valuable	Not valuable at all	Not valuable at all	No	50-59
anonymous 16	Unsure	Unsure	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Unsure	Quite valuable Non chemical weed management	No	50-59
anonymous 17	Not valuable at all	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable		No	60 or over
anonymous 18	Not valuable at all	Not valuable at all	Not valuable at all	Not valuable at all	Not valuable at all	Not valuable at all	No	50-59
anonymous 19	Unsure	Unsure	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable		Yes	60 or over
anonymous 20	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable		No	50-59
IanW			Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable		Yes	40-49

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harryc	Not valuble at all	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable		No	50-59
anonymous 21	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable The ability to identify weeds and native plant seedlings. Bush Regeneration/Conservation and Land Management skills to be able to identify and repair erosion etc. especially in riparian zones.	Yes	50-59
anonymous 22						Other. Who else in this perishing Country is expected to run a business in 2013 with a cost structure of 2013 and a product price of 1974? When YOU can understand the difference between productivity and profitability, then maybe you can suggest a suitable training skill that will restore economic viability! What good are any of these skills when the System is permanently penalising us.	No	60 or over
anonymous 23	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable Support with locating markets	Yes	60 or over
anonymous 24	Not valuble at all	Not valuble at all	Unsure	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable		No	60 or over
anonymous 25						Quite valuable Regeneration of vegetation, restoration of habitat	Yes	40-49
anonymous 26							No	50-59
anonymous 27	Not valuble at all	Not valuble at all	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable		No	60 or over
chris core	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable Submission writing so that planners take notice.	No	50-59
anonymous 28	Unsure	Unsure	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable	Not valuble at all		No	60 or over

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anonymous 29							Yes	60 or over
anonymous 30	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable	Not valuable at all	Yes	50-59
anonymous 31	Quite valuable	Unsure	Not valuable at all	Unsure	Not valuable at all	Quite valuable Small business management.	No	60 or over
anonymous 32							No	60 or over
anonymous 33	Unsure	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable	Unsure	No	40-49
anonymous 34	Not valuable at all	Not valuable at all	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Not valuable at all	No	50-59
anonymous 35						these are all very valuable courses to do but the reality is the lack of time to fully implement them as we go out to work to make ready money. Any of these programs take time and dedication to fully implement. If we could stay and work the farm withoput the need to go out to make money then we could better implement these good systems.	No	60 or over
JohnC	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Unsure	Not valuable at all The soil type and suitable farmable area out of flood make it very difficult to make a living. My family have been farming for 3 generations and are finding more and more difficult with the rising production costs and falling market prices.	No	50-59
anonymous 36	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable		Yes	50-59
anonymous 37	Unsure	Unsure	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable		No	30-39

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ashilleong	Unsure	Unsure	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Not valuable at all	No	20-29
anonymous 38							No	60 or over
anonymous 39	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable How to identify water algae.	No	60 or over
anonymous 40	Unsure	Unsure	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable		No	I don't own and operate my property
anonymous 41	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable		No	60 or over
anonymous 42	Unsure	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable	Unsure		Yes	50-59
anonymous 43	Unsure	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable Private native forestry / silviculture education.	Yes	30-39
marion riordan							No	50-59
anonymous 44	Not valuable at all	Not valuable at all	Unsure	Unsure	Not valuable at all		No	60 or over
anonymous 45	Not valuable at all	Not valuable at all	Unsure	Not valuable at all	Unsure	Extremely valuable Learning about organisations and their involvement in providing funding and follow-on management requirements for environmental works at the individual property level.	Yes	60 or over
anonymous 46	Not valuable at all	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable Pest management Planning for climate-change	Yes	50-59

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anonymous 47	Not valuble at all	Not valuble at all	Not valuble at all	Not valuble at all	Not valuble at all	Not valuble at all	No	60 or over
grahamd	Not valuble at all	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Not valuble at all		No	50-59
anonymous 48	Unsure	Unsure	Unsure	Not valuble at all	Not valuble at all	Extremely valuable development skills. skills dealing with local government.	No	50-59
anonymous 49	Unsure	Unsure	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable as large parts of my holdings are lands with environmental value, the best practice/skills/management of these (and incentives to do so) would be extremely valuable	Yes	50-59
anonymous 50	Unsure	Unsure	Unsure	Unsure	Unsure	Unsure	Yes	50-59
rosemary						Not valuble at all This property is too steep to farm. The tractor breaks down regularly so it is very expensive to even slash the long grass and we can't afford to keep fixing dad's old tractor.	No	60 or over
anonymous 51	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable		No	60 or over
anonymous 52			Quite valuable	Quite valuable		Quite valuable I would like to hear more from local producers who are successfully value adding such as eg Tomewin cheese makers	No	50-59
anonymous 53	Not valuble at all	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable Non chemical noxious weed control	Yes	60 or over

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anonymous 54	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable Bush regeneration and waterway/riparian land management.	Yes	40-49
anonymous 55		Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable I consider bookkeeping skills very valuable, I have these. Holistic Management course - Allan Savory principles I value any learning which will "grow" me and my farming business.	Yes	50-59
anonymous 56	Not valuable at all	Not valuable at all	Unsure	Unsure	Not valuable at all		No	60 or over
anonymous 57	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable		No	20-29
anonymous 58	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Unsure	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable		No	40-49
anonymous 59						Extremely valuable Farm Forestry skills and knowledge Bee keeping	No	50-59
anonymous 60							No	50-59
anonymous 61			Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable		No	50-59
anonymous 62	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable		No	60 or over
anonymous 63	Not valuable at all	Unsure	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Not valuable at all	Extremely valuable In depth understanding of the total ecological system including soils, flora, fauna, water and weather	No	50-59

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anonymous 64	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Quite valuable tourism in the tweed	Yes	50-59
anonymous 65						Not valuble at all Enjoy free workshops to meet people and learn new tips and information.	No	60 or over
anonymous 66			Not valuble at all				No	60 or over
anonymous 67							Yes	60 or over
anonymous 68							No	60 or over
anonymous 69	Unsure	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Unsure	Extremely valuable Alternative farming ideas and systems eg biodynamic, biological, new crops and animals. Marketing techniques eg C.S.A., direct selling, internet sals. Co-ops etc.	Yes	60 or over
anonymous 70			Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable		Yes	40-49
anonymous 71	Unsure	Unsure	Extremely valuable	Extremely valuable	Unsure		Yes	50-59
anonymous 72							No	60 or over
anonymous 73						Extremely valuable - The majority of farmers know what to do to work their land best. Developing new drenches, vaccines and chemicals that work on problems on the farm would be a big help	Yes	50-59
anonymous 74		Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable	Quite valuable		Yes	50-59

## Extended responses

Sheet 2 30 F

3. It seems impossible to sign post our property using council facilities, Which can make it difficult for our new clients and prospects to find us. This is very frustrating for all parties!

Sheet 2 51 G

I, at 68 am the average age of the Australian farmer. We see that in order to survive, people need an income that they can survive on...a real job in town that earns then an income that they can live on.. Our suggestion is that we cut our farm into smaller units, where each landowner will have mango trees, so they can earn a small income. Each block would ajoin the next through a fenceless line running through the centre of the road. We have a large 32 megalitre dam, with underground mains, and on surface laterals...some overhead sprinklers, others under tree micro sprinklers. With a Community titled development, one can borrow money against your portion. [I believe too that Multiple Occupance must return....not every young person has 1/2Million\$...we must have a means that MO's return, but under council control...re sewerage, etc. This is not for us...it is just a point I wish to make. However, on our property, allowing for 8 blocks....this is what SEPP15 would have allowed, I would also like to get 4 straight house blocks that we can give to 4 families we know/find. We would put a 10 year caveat on the land...our aim is to give 4 families a better chance than they would have had otherwise. The people who come onto the property, for these blocks will have to be approved by the other people who have bought their sections . I could go on about this. Tou will no doubt hear from people like our retired mayor, Max Boyd....who SUBDIVIDED his far in the past, and is now leading a charge to get other lan owners to unite to STOP people like us, THE YARROWS AND BROOKS's from destroying the Tweed!!! HOW hypocritical...the Tweed rurally is dying...we have got to do something...shutting the place down as Mr Boyd wants, will only take the Tweed down even further. You might be aware that our Green leaders now demand that removing more than 20 Camphor Laurel trees constitutes Forrestry...so every farmer must get development approval. If we have no profitability, what do you think we will do? We will say...the camphor Laurel trees can stay! Now, do you know what a Forbes is? Forbes are plants that containate the soil around then, so that only they can exist living in this soil. As we will leave them, they will surround existing Native Species trees, like the Bloodwoods, Box, Stringy, Tallow trees...they willslowly die, and their seeds will not be able to germinate...what I am saying is that by closing the area down, the Camphor Laurels will take over. Once they have contaminated the soil, it is finished....if anyone tells you that you can just cut them down and go farming again, you have a lot to learn. Only Camphor Laurels will ever be able to grow in that contaminated soil....it would take 20 years with the Camphors removed to bring it back to what it was before. [Further comment see 34 AW]. There was no space to put this. My comments are NOT confidential. I give permission for you , or anyone to use them as they wish. For 40 years we have had the same...the system playing games with us...the system does not give a dam for us, so in my book, there is absolutely no need to ingratiate us with the confidentiality clause...oh by the way if you have not comprehended it yet, yes I am an angry farmer!

Sheet 2 93 G

If Tweed Shire is the instrument facilitating subdivision in the future we as a family would enter discussions with a view to limited subdivision so that development of projects compatible with the upper Cudgera Ck catchment and the Mooball NP environments. To see provision made at State and Local Government levels for our marginal quality land holding consisting mostly of ex-banana ground with substantial regrowth and rainforest plantings, to be considered better suited to rural-environmental-commercial pursuits than to traditional Tweed farming. If Council is in the future the instrument approved to facilitate subdivision we could undertake discussions with Tweed Shire with a view to progressing towards subdivision and the development of projects compatible with the upper Cudgera Creek and Mooball

Sheet 2 103 I

The success rate has been limited because farmers are now a minority, and we are continually outvoted, on any Council committees, by non-farming interests or we are totally ignored by Council planners. As the long time president of the CTRIA, I am absolutely disgusted that I was not given the opportunity to meet personally with the consultants.

## Extended responses

Sheet 2 105 H	<p>There is enough land dedicated to housing already : eg Cobaki, KingsForest, Terranora. The Tweed attracts visitors here because of its beauty, national parks &amp; rural scenery. Our proposed population growth figures should be examined &amp; limited to what the carrying capacity of shire can sustainably support.</p> <p>The lack of youth and new ideas &amp; energy being injected into the farming community. Our good farming land eg Cudgen, could be farmed much more intensively with small cropping using farmers markets &amp; local shops as a retail outlet. Diversification within our rural producers is needed to become more economically viable eg organic, bush tucker foods or value adding with local cheeses, jams etc</p>
Sheet 3 21 E	<p>If we had some Government support in the form of a market strategy, sustainable investment or assistance programme we would be able to better capture this marketing opportunity, and thus provide improved economic investment back into our community. As of today, we currently employ 10 people on a regular basis, and in addition we contract out cleaning and catering services regularly as well. We would be interested to expand and develop programmes in the areas of: "environmental sustainability" workshops, permaculture, Sustainable architecture, building, land care, environment regeneration, biodynamic farming practices...</p>
Sheet 3 38 E	<p>As far as I am concerned, assuming that we farmers lost out on 200\$/week....that is 10,000\$/year....for 40 years means we each were cheated of 400,000\$. Of course they will never recompense us for that....so they need never consider that when the manure hits the fan, I or any other farmer will come to their rescue. Also this Country needs to sack 75% of its Civil Service. They are a drag on the efforts of every honest working Australian. But no Federal or State, or Local Government has the guts to get back to the old ways when one did a fair days work for a fair days pay. No, we are finished. When we run out of food, then get these overpaid worthless people out there to remind them of what an honest days work is all about.</p>
Sheet 3 82 H	<p>Sustainable and biological farming practices need to be promoted and assistance given to landowners to be trained in these practices (perhaps as a condition of funding assistance) and grants need to be spread throughout the rural areas to implement proven activities (eg riparian fencing, grazing practices to improve soil structure).</p>
Sheet 3 84 E	<p>Carbon incentives are only paid to landholders planting new forests whereas it is the existing forests which remove the most carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Other than their inherent beauty, existing forests are of immense value to all people but nothing to the landholder this also includes the land on which these forests reside. Carbon incentives are now paid to owners of existing forests in Canada and it helps the landholders remain on their properties and protect the forests even though the income is small. 50Ha of wet sclerophyll forest as it is in the Tweed Shire at a very conservative estimate would remove 1500 tonnes of carbon per annum from the atmosphere. The federal government currently receives \$34,500 for this weight for polluters to put this in the atmosphere. The landholder in removing this weight from the atmosphere receives nothing but rate notices.</p>



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