

Question Without Easy Answers

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What is a Question Without an Easy Answer?



It's a question without a simple or obvious answer.

It's a question with many answers.

It's a question that keeps coming back, even when you've answered it.

It's a question central to the strength of your Landcare group or network.

Three reasons it's good to know your Question Without an Easy Answer

1. A question *focuses your inquiry* as you try out new approaches—a tough question gives you plenty to chew on for a long period.
2. Once your question forms, *understandings gather around your question*. See ["What happens after you frame a QWEA"](#) at the old CLEA website.
3. Your question is *a starting point for conversations with others*.

Three ways to find your Question Without an Easy Answer?

1. Ask "Where do we need to break new ground?" with your group/network/project team, then from that as a Question Without Easy Answer
2. Review a project or period of work, identify the lessons learned, then find you next QWEA
3. Look ahead at up-coming challenges, then frame the question that you know you will be wrestling with.

Three examples

"How can our Landcare Network develop new and maintain current services that are worth paying for, so that it remains sustainable?"

"How do we engage people so they want to contribute at committee level?"

"How do we get city folk to understand and appreciate farmers' issues?"

We've got our question, what's next?

Talk with others who will be interested in this question. See [CLEA Session 3 Ask Around](#). See [CLEA Questions](#) to see if anyone else is asking the same question. To work out *your personal QWEA*, use the CLEA worksheet [Finding Your Personal QWEA](#).

