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L.O.: To explore different viewpoints when making a decision.

EXPLORING DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS WHEN DECIDING WHETHER TO CHANGE TO MORE SUSTAINABLE FARMING

PRO (Members of RSPO community)	CON (Workers and locals who do not want change)
No Deforestation is needed since land already cleared for farming is used. No need to employ anyone to do this	People have followed traditional methods for generations
'Slash and burn' forest removal would not be used so plans and animals still have space, additional carbon would not be released, peatlands would not be damaged	It may be considered too difficult to change farming methods.
No deforestation benefits biodiversity	Burning forests and using the ash as fertiliser is cheap, easily obtained and works for crops.
Improved management can increase crop yield and produce better bunches of fresh oil palm fruit	Smallholders are often not linked to a company or mill, they do not receive the training and guidance to change farming methods and receive very little support from the government.
There may be more money in the long term due to better yield and access to markets	It is expensive to pay for training and the documents and audits required to become certified.
The 'slash and burn' method of clearing the forest of vegetation releases carbon dioxide into the air, causing global warming.	It is often expensive to pay 'middle men', who organise for the oil palm to go to mills.
Burning land may lead to drainage and decomposition of peat lands, causing problems for the environment and communities. <i>Peat stores huge amounts of carbon and is important in Indonesia for fishing, aquaculture (breeding animals and plants that live in water for food) and other farming.</i>	Income is not necessarily better for sustainable palm oil production. Smallholders would need to consistently receive more money for the better quality oil palm.
Sustainable oil palm plantations can bring a wide variety of new jobs.	Even if farmers receive some support initially, when this stops then they may not keep up what is necessary to keep the certification status.
It is safer for workers and they have better working conditions and practices. Smallholders gain respect from the workers.	You can continue to pay the workers less and for longer – you don't have to stick to rules that need to be followed for RSPO certification.
Better education for the community	