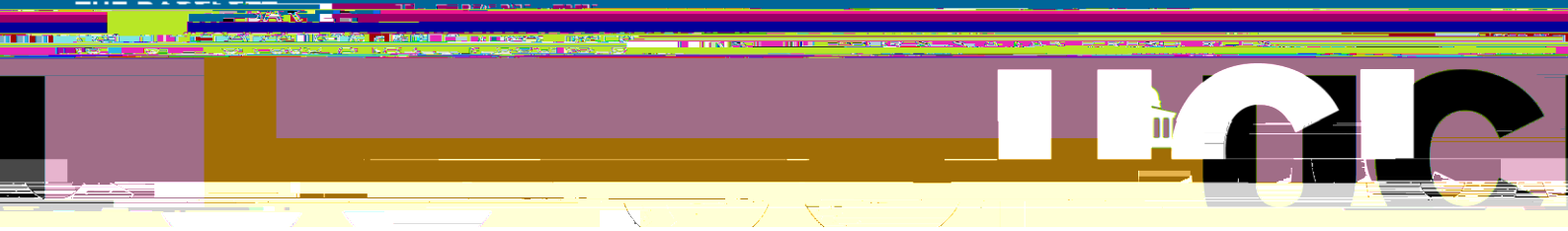


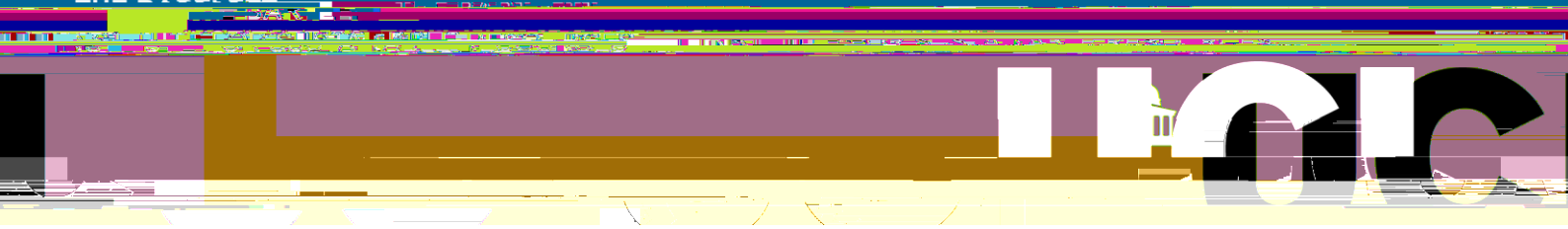


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Another important angle when considering such a cross cutting topic is the social impact of a shift towards increased biomass use. This could include working with landowners



It seems the increase in imported biomass is at odds with the public opinion, who see the emissions created in the sourcing and production of biomass as 'intuitively unsustainable'². This combined with the complexity of international supply chains means that domestic biomass viewed as more sustainable. The Strategy also makes assumptions about international biomass availability which may introduce supply risk, as it is expected there will be significant competition internationally for limited supply.

This focus on increasing biomass supply seems to be in contention with our third recommendation **(c)**, **that in order to ensure consistent supply of sustainable biomass the most sensible first step would be to reduce the size of the energy system you are attempting to service.**

The Biomass Strategy also sets out the