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Topic 2. Environmental and cultural values of forests, including threatened species and Aboriginal cultural heritage values

Despite the current frameworks, current practices, such as clear-felling and logging of old-growth and native forests, contribute to loss of biodiversity, habitat destruction, and soil erosion. The ongoing logging of habitat critical for endangered species like the koala is unacceptable. (Haven't you read The Sixth Extinction?) Post-2020 bushfires, which severely impacted forest areas, intensified these concerns, as the regeneration capacity of some ecosystems is still under dire threat. Logging in these sensitive areas will hinder long-term forest health and climate resilience.

Topic 4. The future of softwood and hardwood plantations and the continuation of Private Native Forestry in helping meet timber supply needs

Start using steel framed houses or other alternative. Surely, with our technological genius, we can come up with something else. We all know that Australia is beyond its carrying capacity in terms of humans, so why are we increasing our population so much that we need to build so many homes, anyway?

I personally believe that we should not be creating sprawling, treeless housing estates. We should be focusing on high rise developments, surrounded by forests and gardens, including fruit trees.