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Topic 1. Sustainability of current and future forestry operations in NSW

Our rate of deforestation is one of the worst in the world, (which is tragic!!!). and of course is accompanied by one of the worst rates of species losses in the world- a sad record. Not another tree should fall- we need to make better use of ground already cleared.. We are a greedy species- everything has to make way for us, while we continue to stuff up the only planet that can sustain us. We need to respect our beautiful natural environment - can you imagine a world without it? We continue to build single level dwellings with movie theatre, swimming pools and tennis courts. We are penny pinchers when it comes to eradicating fire ants, but throw money at fossil fuel expansions, even though the science is in. Our icecaps, so important to our climate by reflecting some of the sun's rays back into space, are melting, and yet we do nothing, we carry on as if there is no tomorrow! What kind of world do we want to leave for our children and grandchildren? We need to regrow and repair our forests- look at the Amazon and weep. Look at the NT where native growth is cleared for cotton - a high poison, high water crop in a dry continent. Look at the loss of water sources in our dry continent due to fracking. Long wall mining has destroyed a swamp. One might say what is the value of a swamp - but they contain many rare species of our flora and fauna. We cannot be so cavalier with other life forms on earth -we are the scourge on the planet.

We must show much more respect to the only planet that can sustain us. Our water sources are more important than any gold, precious stones or fossil fuels- it is our life source.

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

We need to respect the cultural heritage of the Aboriginal culture. The oldest culture in our world has been treated dreadfully, which needs to be addressed by respecting what remains. Mr Duttno's shameful campaign, sadly resulting in a NO vote is yet another blot on our balance sheet.

Topic 3. Demand for timber products, particularly as relates to NSW housing, construction, mining, transport and retail

It is time we find a replacement for timber housing requirements- when we look at our population growth - can we afford to cut down the remnants of that what makes our planet so liveable and beautiful? Are we totally insane?

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

Reports have been received of Forestry workers ignoring sightings of endangered animal species such as greater gliders, and felling regardless. We already have plantations, but we must do what we can to maintain and expand what native forest remains, and protect the animals and other life that inhabit them.

Topic 5. The role of State Forests in maximising the delivery of a range of environmental, economic and social outcomes and options for diverse management, including Aboriginal forest management models

The Aboriginal culture was very respectful of our planet and all its other life forms, we need to take a leaf out of their book. If the options of management remains as it currently is, an ever diminishing beauty, we are in the wrong track.

Topic 6. Opportunities to realise carbon and biodiversity benefits and support carbon and biodiversity markets, and mitigate and adapt to climate change risks, including the greenhouse gas emission impacts of different uses of forests and assessment of climate change risks to forests

The carbon markets is a joke - one would assume maths is taught poorly in our schools if this is the outcome. We need to decarbonise while we still can. As it is there is a constant haze over our continents due to burning of fossil fuels. Again, a better use of land already cleared is required, and not another tree should fall. We need to respect all life on earth, and our water sources. Our very own existence depends on it.