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

Dear Forestry Industry Action Panel, This is a submission to your inquiry into the sustainability of current and future forestry operations in NSW.

Australia has one of the worst records for deforestation of any developed country.

We must put a total ban on logging all old growth forests. Even sustainable logging thins out the foliage and makes them more subject to bush fires. Plantations must be used for all logging.

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

It is very important that Westerners finally start listening to Aboriginal people. They lived in harmony with nature for some 60,000 years and could have continued for another 60,000 if left alone. Western society has largely sought to conquer nature rather than live in harmony with it. Koalas are functionally extinct and are rapidly heading for total extinction. The public want them protected.

I am a resident of New South Wales who supports the New South Wales government's Koala Habitat Protection policy.

A recent report warned koalas could go extinct in NSW by 2050 if no action is taken to protect them. Over 5,000 koalas died in NSW during the Black Summer bushfires, with 80% of some koala habitat burnt. The koala has been nominated for uplisting nationally, from vulnerable to endangered. Â Â

It's vital koalas don't go extinct in NSW. Coal mining is particularly destructive to forests.

Open cut mining directly destroys habitat while underground mining causes land slippage and destruction of creeks and other water run off.

Aboriginal advice must be sought for burn offs. It is vital to leave paths for animals to escape the burn offs.

We are heading for a climate catastrophe and forests must be protected. See:

<https://www.amazon.com.au/dp/B099XC1ZXX>

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

All hard and soft timber must be sought from plantations not natural forests. For too long we have allowed forests to be "harvested" rather than protected.

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

Farmers must be stopped from destroying forests on their own land. Laws are currently far to lax. Private forestry has failed miserably in the past.

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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

WE must finally listen to the Aborigines rather than do useless enquiries

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

Carbon trading is a disaster. It gives companies the right to pay to pollute. Biodiversity markets are BS. Who wrote these terms of reference. Seems like a government white wash to me? Do you people want to do something useful with your lives or just play politics and let the destruction of the forests continue?

I would like to ask a very simple question.

Why is your government allowing fracking in the when according to the recent IPCC Report climate change is increasing rapidly and gas and coal are the biggest single contributors to climate change?

Fracking is ecologically unsound and does untold damage. Not only does it poison underground water supplies but methane gas is expelled in the extraction process. Methane is one of the worst polluting gasses.

Haven't you seen the extreme weather events now taking place around the world including unprecedented heat waves and bushfires plus huge cyclones and floods, never before experienced. The planet is not coping with what humans are doing to it and you want to do more?

Is this rational and logical?

Australia has the sun, wind and most importantly the huge land mass to be a major supplier of green energy to the world through solar and wind farms with battery backup. Electricity generated from these farms can be used to make liquid hydrogen and ammonia for export.

We should be leading the world not going backwards into the dark ages. Coal and gas were very important to drive the Industrial Revolution but have had their day. Green energy is now cheaper than coal and gas so why do you want to take Australia backwards, not to mention the harm this will do to the environment.

We have a responsibility to lead the world not take it backwards. For the sake of our children you must stop this madness.