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

Firstly I would like to say Native Forest logging is unsustainable because of my lived experience. I am now 60 years old and my favorite past time is walking in forests. In the last 30 years I have noticed that trees that I couldn't anywhere near hug and trees that I can just about hug are now getting logged and the great big trees are very rare.

174 animal species in NSW rely on hollows for dens and nests. From my personal observations there would not be enough big trees left for all these animals.

I would very much like future generations to enjoy the forest like I do seeing a variety of animals and big old huge trees. So I am asking you from the bottom of my heart, please stop the deforestation NOW.

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

A complete forest is not only pleasant to immerse your self into and feel your tensions being released. A complete forest provides homes and food for animals. The forest offers watershed protection, prevents soil erosion and helps reduce the temperature of the planet.

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

In 2023 half of the logs taken from native forests were turned into woodchip and exported and 87% of the hardwood plantation logs were also exported as woodchips. These figures present to me that demand for timber products for housing, construction, mining, transport and retail are not necessary.

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

Why is 87% of the hardwood plantations being exported as woodchips? If we are chopping down good trees, why can't they be used as saw and veneer logs?

The forest plantations that we do have already provide 91% of Australian log production, therefore there is no need to log our native forests. Leave them for our unique Australian Animals.

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

A. Environmental Values of forests

- * Provide oxygen
- * Store Carbon
- * Provide us with quality water that we can use for drinking.

B. Economic

* Presently the Forest Industry is running at a loss. Why should I as a tax payer be paying for the forest industry loss? I would much rather have my taxes spent on hospitals, schools and National Parks.

C. Social Outcomes

* It has been found that Green spaces offer spiritual and stress relief, which people are needing more and more as our society stress levels increase due to high rents, food, electricity etc.

* Social outcomes for future generations. When making important decisions regarding forests and the future of our planet. We must not only think of ourselves and what monetary gains we can make from the project but what are the benefits for future generations. Will they want an inclusive forest and a planet that is pleasant to live on or an artificial planet that has nothing to offer except stress?

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

Science tells us that the earth's temperature is rising very quickly. For future generations we need to try to slow the temperature down. One way we can do this is by ending Native Forest Logging.

At present Native Forest logging releases 3.6 million tonnes of carbon per year.

In the summer of 2019-20. NSW experienced extensive bushfires. Studies have found that forests that have not been logged are less likely to have extreme fires. Therefore to help prevent another extreme fire season we must stop Native Forest Logging.

Let's start creating forests that have lots of biodiversity, Victoria and Western Australia have done it and NSW can do it too. We need to make our great Koala NP NOW.