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

Given the serious loss of biodiversity in Australia & the enormous stress on our forest ecosystems from which the health of all other systems depend, including that of the agricultural sector & Australia's food security, current & future forestry operations must be restricted & contained to plantation timbers only.

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

The environmental value of forests is immense & it's foolhardy in the extreme to ignore their importance. Sir David Attenborough has reiterated numerous times that forests are one of our greatest allies in the fight to mitigate Climate Change & ecological breakdown, & given the rapid escalation of atmospheric warming & the vulnerability of Australia's fragile ecological health & that of our native flora & fauna, coupled with the health of future generations of Australians, we absolutely must preserve what's left & indeed undergo rapid repair work to regenerate ailing forest ecosystems.

Forests also:

Play a huge role in STABILISING WEATHER SYSTEMS.

Protect essential biodiversity upon which the health of all other systems depends.

Feed & contribute to critical ground water reserves.

Store CO2.

Preserve consistent rainfall patterns via the evapo-transpiration cycle.

Promote soil health.

Old growth forests also mitigate bush fire risk as well as protect biodiversity.

Lower surface temperatures

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

Must be sourced from Plantation timber & various other innovative applications designed to meet our future architectural needs.

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

The sector needs to plan well ahead re establishing plantations & stay out of our native forests. It's time for industry to become more accountable across the entire sector, bearing in mind that ecological & climatic breakdown is escalating & Australia is particularly prone to drought.