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I have a very strong commitment to climate change mitigation; care and protection of Australia's unique natural heritage at both national and state levels for all Australians and future generations; care and protection of all country for the longevity of First Nations Peoples' culture; the sustainable use of public land for the benefit of all Australians; and not least the protection of habitat for our iconic species. The koala is threatened with extinction by 2050 in NSW if clearing of its habitat continues at the current rate.

Therefore, I **strongly support the cessation of logging of native forests in NSW** because it:-

- reduces the capacity of our national carbon sink and increases our greenhouse gas emissions
- adversely impacts our water catchments
- reduces or destroys Aboriginal heritage and natural heritage
- destroys complex ecosystems and habitats of iconic Australian species, threatening extinction of both flora and fauna species
- is an unsustainable use of land with no benefit to the majority of Australians and is costly to the public purse

At this time of galloping climate change and a fast-growing Australian population, environmental protection that includes protection of remaining native forests is paramount. Please end the logging of our native forests.