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

Forestry operations as conducted and condoned by NSW Forestry Corporation have been unsustainable for decades.

In the midst of a climate catastrophe and on the brink of the mass extinction of our native fauna and flora, the logging of any remaining woodland is unconscionable. There is no future for logging in NSW outside of well-managed plantations.

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

Any 'demand' for timber products for housing or construction can be filled by plantation timber - 90% already is. To suggest that logging the pitifully small remnants of our native old growth forests is somehow necessary is bogus. Mining clearfells forests so that the industry can then devastate the land. What 'timber products' could they give a fig for?

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

Almost all housing construction today uses plantation softwood so that industry has an obvious future. Hardwood plantations similarly, even if only the very well-off minority can afford to extensively use hardwood in their mansions. There must be no continuation of Private Native Forestry until, and unless, the NSW government introduces the far stricter laws/regulations and diligent compliance monitoring that it has failed to enact to date.

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

State Forestry Corporation is a rogue operation that continuously breaks even the very weak laws/regulations that currently exist. There is no role whatsoever for that entity in this State if the government is even half serious about avoiding mass extinctions of our native species or tackling the climate catastrophe.

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

Surely even an idiot could understand that an intact old-growth native Australian forest with the precious ecosystem it engenders is worth more in this dire climate and extinction EMERGENCY than any 'carbon and biodiversity MARKET'!

Intact forests are the greatest terrestrial carbon sinks that will ever exist. To continue logging them is a crime. Forget making another fraudulent 'market' that only exacerbates the twin crises that we are living through. Shut down Forestry Corp to save more good taxpayers money being

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thrown after bad and then go for a bloody bushwalk (or, gasp, maybe camp for a couple of days) in the tiny remnant that remains of NSW's natural heritage.