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

I support the well managed and sustainable native timber industry that NSW currently has. The timber industry helps keep small towns and larger towns afloat in rural areas. Remember Covid19- the timber industry was an essential business.

Has anyone ever actually sat down and thought about where the Government will get the welfare money to pay even half of the 5920 direct timber industry jobs and the 2980+ indirect timber industry jobs if the Native industry closes? Not to mention the other jobs created in the communities because of the location of their families. What about the schools, the hospitals, the sporting groups when families move due to having to find new occupations.

The effect on small businesses that will have to close or downscale due to the loss of the timber industry?

Where will the taxes come from that all these business and employees pay each year if there is no more industry.

Where is the money going to come from that needs to be paid out in liquidated damages to the harvesting contractors and the wood supply agreements to the mills?

2019/2020 Bushfires. The harvesting crews were heavily involved in fighting and containing those fires as they had the specialized equipment to do so.

The timber industry has had an ordinary few years, but so has the rest of the agricultural sector. Floods, bushfires, and protestors have disrupted harvesting operations. However, the timber industry continued to provide essential products just like farmers provide food.

The recent surveys for the GKNP have estimated 12111 Koalas in the 176000ha assessment area. To me that shows the Koala population is thriving! Obviously, the harvesting management of State Forests is working and has no detrimental effect on the wildlife within the forest! So why not classify the existing National Parks as the GKNP?

The current NSW government has the opportunity to make the NSW timber industry the best in this country and in the world if they want to. Wouldn't it be nice for people to remember in coming years that NSW Labor government supported and built up an economically and environmentally sustainable industry for the good of this country?