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

Hi there,

I'm glad to hear that there is a new Industrial Forestry Action Plan being developed. I so hope that our forests in NSW are being protected more strongly than they are now.

I can see that the way state forests are being logged right now is not sustainable to keep our forests healthy and thriving and to protect the biodiversity and the life of particular species that are close to extinction.

Our forest have a super important environmental and cultural values as habitat for threatened species and they need to be sustained as they hold important Aboriginal cultural heritage values . I see pictures of big trees being taken out leaving behind a channel devastation of where machinery is just cutting and ripping its way to the tree. So much wood letting be left to dry and rot will be easy fodder for the next bush fire.

And it's just plain painful and enraging to see forests being treating with so much disrespect. I hear that the future of softwood and hardwood plantations and the continuation of Private Native Forestry in helping meet timber supply needs for the building industry.

There are new National

Parks planned to come into action in one or two years south of Coffs Harbour, meanwhile this exact area is being heavily logged and the big trees taken out. It doesn't make sense that this is officially allowed to happen.

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.

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.

I really hope that this new action plan will consider the importance of big bushland, uninterrupted stretches of bush and wilderness for threatened animals to possibly start thriving again! And for humans to go in and experience the deep rejuvenating effects of native, health Forrests on their health, particularly mental health.

With my best wishes

Claudine