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1. Sustainability of current and future forestry operations in NSW

I live in a regional area in land directly adjacent to forest that is currently actively logged by the Forestry Corporation. I have a background in research plant science and currently work as a Science teacher at the local high school. I am acutely aware of the unsustainable nature of current and future forestry operations in NSW. Native forest logging is financially and environmentally unsustainable. Economically, it does not create profit. The yield from public native forests has declined by 40% since 2010, and estimations by the Forestry Corporation of the amount of harvestable timber are consistently over estimated. In 2018, protections for mature trees were removed and logging was increased in a bid to harvest more wood from native forests. Mature trees provide habitat in the form of hollows for 174 species in NSW. The Powerful Owl, which I can sometimes hear from my home, requires a tree to live for 200 years to form a hollow large enough for it to nest in. Native logging in it's current form does not provide an environmentally sustainable path forward.