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

The current Forestry actions are not sustainable - not only do tax payer dollars subsidise this industry, but the Industry lies about the presence of wildlife in coups and they do NOT use the best available information about management of tree lopping or fire management. There should be absolutely NO clear felling or removal of old growth trees with hollows. There are many animals that rely on old growth trees for hollows and for food. These include koalas, greater gliders, other marsupials and birds. Many of these species have been listed as vulnerable to extinction. However this listing has not stopped Forestry from removing known habitat. Wew were promised a Great Koala National Park at the last state election and still Forestry is removing habitat (and have been known to lie about removal) and the government is not acting to stop Forestry. The Industry needs immediate review to start to slow the extinction rate. The Industry needs to act upon the best information regarding wildlife, fire management (logging worsens susceptibility to fire, and does not improve fire management) and climate change. We need to retain all the mature trees we can to store carbon as well as plant more, to provide homes for wildlife and lessen exposure to other human impacts (eg roads and pets)