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

It is criminal to be logging old growth forest for negligible benefit. The world is pretending to tackle the climate and environmental catastrophe that is not just nipping our heels but leading us to the edge of existence. It's clear this insanity must stop. There are sustainable & ethical alternatives that must be employed and we must leave what's left of our forests. The words 'sustainability' and 'future forestry operations' suggest we can keep going as we have. But anyone with any insight, humanity or concerns know there is no time to keep playing pretend. We must change. Our young people fear what they are inheriting. It's frightening. Doing the right thing for the future shouldn't be that hard. The future of life on earth shouldn't be up for sale. I can't believe we are continuing to debate this. Look at your heart. Not your bank balance.

Topic 2. Environmental and cultural values of forests, including threatened species and Aboriginal cultural heritage values

Where do we start in assigning environmental & cultural values to our forests? We live on an ancient continent with First Nations/Aboriginal cultural heritage values that we are still treating as negotiable. The value of forests to future life on earth is clear. Nature isn't hierarchical. Humans have seen themselves as the overarching power on earth and this attitude is leading us to extinction. Is this what we are bequeathing our children? Our grandchildren? Our future? The earth is the most beautiful planet ever discovered. We can change course and we can value it. We can invest with our hearts in the future health & wellbeing of our young people & dare to dream of a world where we invest in the natural world. Where we care enough to say our young people matter. Where we stop our ignorant stupidity and open our arms to creating a future world capable of sustaining future life on earth.

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

There are alternatives to the current model. Forests should be kept now for our future as a 'forest fund of hope'. Keep planting and creating green.

Look at alternatives to building. Build smaller homes with alternative methodologies. Look at the whole model as it exists and dare to change it. We have options. We can change. Particularly if we are driven by a heart space desire to create a liveable future for our young people.

The obscenity is that this can continue as 'business as usual'. This isn't an option.

Housing....build smaller homes utilising small footprint methodologies.

If we change everything and build a different model (buy less, buy well. Cheap & efficient public transport and mining where necessary & not for the profit of a few). Come on. We can dare to dream of a healthier planet within 10 years. Of a healthier future within 20. Of a world where in the next 100 years we have completely changed our Planet Earth and created a future where all living systems are thriving and in turn the human species is happier and healthier than at any other time in human history.

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

Use the alternatives and completely changed our attitude to every single thing we use. If it destroys. If it's single use. If it's purely for the financial benefit of a few it's clear...it has NO FUTURE. The model must purely be reviewed. It must be changed absolutely. Dismantled and rebuilt. As if our lives depended on it. Because that's what is at stake.

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

Everyone should have a role in not just maximising these outcomes but in ensuring a healthy future. This should be the touchstone against which every decision is made by everyone in our world. Environmental, social outcomes first. Economic last..create a simpler & healthier world & let that be the leading Clarion call for every decision. Dare to change.

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

I'm not a scientist so I feel unable to comment except that as a mother, grandmother & friend to many we MUST change. Every decision must be made with the future benefits to all life on earth at the forefront. What's happening now is criminal. We change

Or we die. My own children (late 30s) are scared about the future. They have young children. The eldest is 5. What world will she inherit or is the best she & all young people can hope for is survival & war around our world for the few resources still available to them? Is there any hope for a future for life on earth? Can you dare to dream and have the courage to change everything? To look at a possible world where every decision is made with a bottom line of 'whats best for the natural world and therefore for all life' as the manifesto for every single decision.

Is there hope? I fear dying and not feeling hope for every little one on earth. I'm scared. I'm gutted. I'm torn apart. Will we BE THE CHANGE & stop this insanity? Can we have the courage to stand up to the corrupt and to the morally bankrupt and say life is more important than greed.? That kindness is more important than profit? That a living planet is the greatest gift we can give our children.

Please please make decisions with your heart.

Thank you.