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

I do not believe that the current practices of the forestry operations in NSW are sustainable. The clear felling nature that I have seen in the forest areas around Bellingen do in no way represent sustainable practices. They are certainly not sustainable for all creatures that live in these forests or for the vegetation that grows in these forests.

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

I have lived in the village of Mylestom and nearby Bundagen for 20 years. During this short period of time I have witnessed diminishing numbers of koalas, magpies, tawny frogmouths, and rainbow bee eaters. These are just 4 very obvious species that I see.

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 have been told that forests are logged and then carbon credits are applied on the regeneration of forests. That seems ludicrous to me. It's not rocket science to know that old forests are the most valuable resource we have.