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

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If only submissions would regrow the forests! We have made so many!

In my 80+ years, i have watched forests in Victoria and NSW dwindle.

Some say, there are more trees than ever. But if this is so, they are seedlings, stems of trees, never to become older forest, mulch in the forest floor at best.

Forests have more uses than timber, indeed timber is just a by product of their life. We as humans, and we (as not very good so far representatives of all life forms) need well grown, older forests in their diversity for fresh air, for fresh water, for diverse and reliable habitats. We humans are not alone, we stand on the shoulders of all life forms, especially those we cannot see...

We are just one of the species dependent on forests. Unless we can pull back on our demands of them, they, we, and all species involved will continue to dwindle and be less stable in disaster.

And we will face more frequent extremes/

The Forestry Corp was founded as a commission to restrain industry over-cutting, Like so many industry-facing government departments it slowly succumbed to industry and political request to over cut again and again. They promise jam tomorrow, and we know they had jam yesterday! But the only way i know of having jam today, is to use less, and to have used less, than is growing in today.

I am part of a community which manages a fair area of forest, and when we took up that land, we agreed as a community that the (heavily overcut) timber still growing then, would only be used within the community. Our forests look good now, (better than the State forests!); fifty years of restraint have allowed regrowth to overtake past greed.

Recent fire has produced a ridiculous number of pioneer trees, but these will reduce in number and self-select to produce a healthier second generation. The larger regrowth, with its healthy untrampled understory, of our first new generation mostly survived the fire and are flourishing. Cut less than is growing.

Start by stopping! Regrow public native forests now!

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

the First People here managed sustainably over 60 000 years. Shame on colonists.

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

Its clear; we must take less wood, less oxygen, less fresh water than our life raft can provide.