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Forestry Industry Action Panel

Dear sirs & madams,

My name is Joe Mithiran. I have spent the last 45 years living in Redfern 95% of the time and most of the preceding years living in Sydney since 1967 and the national parks around Sydney have been life for me. At a time when some people are seriously considering how to terraform Mars into a habitable environment I feel that wood-chipping native forests for toilet paper etc. in an economically unsustainable way that requires government subsidies to prop up a small number of jobs because our government (& I am a member of the ALP Redfern branch) has an ear for the unions which I am normally really happy about, but not in this case, is like playing Russian Roulette with one empty chamber & 5 chambers loaded.

I hope the committee will find that all native forest logging should cease & desist in NSW. We are dragging our feet on this issue & are way behind the other states in taking action on it. 91% of wood in NSW is coming from sustainable plantations & the cost of continuing to make the last 9% from native forests is too high economically, environmentally, & too high for future generations.

There is strong community support across NSW possibly with the exception of some regional communities for ceasing logging. Logging native forests is also not respectful towards Indigenous Australians in NSW. Also to subsidise the extinction of species, destruction of the environment, loss of Koala habitat etc. in this cost of living crisis is insane. I would much rather these subsidies be changed to retrain loggers in other industries.