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

Despite the sense of unending forests in the Mid-North Coast there is very few of the major trees still standing. I have seen the effect of the 'harvesting' of the few remaining large trees. Despite claims by Forestry to the contrary the process is CLEAR FELLING.

I have observed timber trucks carrying felled tree trunks from as little as 20cm.

It is disgraceful destruction in areas which were Koala, and other native species habitat .

This is not just unsustainable it borders on criminal. The clear focus on destroying, in random locations, the very best of old growth trees can be seen as destruction for destructions sake.

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

I am not Aboriginal so cannot comment on cultural values.

It is clear from many press reports that the Gumbaynggirr People see the actions of Forestry as totally unacceptable.

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

The claim that old growth forests are important for the needs listed above is unsustainable.

Statically old growth timber provides less than 3% for building etc. In fact a fair amount of this is used to make single use disposable pallets.

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

I am not in a position to comment on this question

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

If this is a claim made by Forestry I have seen little to support it. I have seen the destruction of potential tourist attractions including walking tracks, which allow the sighting of the unique fauna and flora of the region, and Aboriginal sites.

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

The effect of the destruction of old growth forests and the diversity of flora and fauna is adding to the effects of Climate Change. By destroying the large trees, which shade out the regrowth of small trees and grasses, Forestry is actually increasing the damaging wild fires. Note what has happened in Canada where huge fires have occurred because little of the original forests remain.