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

It is my understanding that native forest logging is an unsustainable industry and it is costing the taxpayers money. Yields have declined and protections for mature trees have not been adhered to so more and more trees are cut down that should be providing vital habitat for our beautiful forest creatures.

By allowing the native forests to be cut down, we are removing trees that are vital to the amount of carbon that can be stored and therefore not released to the atmosphere. By not cutting trees down we then do not contribute to causing climate change by the release of carbon into the atmosphere.

It also contributes to the threat of fire by the removal of these trees as we leave behind grasses and shrubs which are more susceptible to being lit and causing a fire to burn

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

Native forests are important as they help to keep an even climate and thus allow the safety and continual wellbeing of all sentient beings that rely on the forest for cultural, recreational and domicile usage. This includes indigenous and non-indigenous peoples as well as animals and plants.

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

APPARENTLY THE AMOUNT OF WOOD USED TO CONTRIBUTE TO HOUSING ETC IS LESS THAN 9% FROM NATIVE FOREST LOGGING, MOST GOING TO WOOD CHIP AND IS EXPORTED.

How is this viable to both the planet and NSW?

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

So isn't it better to prop up the ailing Native forestry logging industry by having more plantation softwoods and having the plantations away from native forests to support their growth on land that is designated for agricultural purposes and not mixed in with native and state forests which are public land and not commercial enterprise ventures.

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

It is my opinion that the public native forests have a much greater economic value when they are simply allowed to exist and function normally without logging. They cover a couple of million hectares in NSW and their impact is very important both environmentally and financially to the surrounding towns.

Also it has been proved that first nations peoples have managed the land sustainably for millions of years ..we could all learn from their skills.

How many royal commissions post bushfires do we need and then to not pay attention to our first people's input?

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 am not a scientist but in all my readings the health of the native forests is very important to stop contributing to climate change .Forests that have not been cut down are much more resilient to an encroaching fire front

So please stop logging our native forests for all our sakes