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

It has been a very long and sole destroying wait but I am putting my all hopes and prayers in the NSW Labor government to do the right thing by our environment & that they as a government leave a lasting legacy to NSW and Australian.

Now is the time to stop logging public native forests, while we still have some biodiverse pristine native forest left, logging in native forests is causing extinctions, it is unsustainable, and costing taxpayers a fortune.

We need to protect native forests for our unique wildlife, recreation, water yields and to take up our carbon emissions.

We can meet our timber needs from existing plantations and If the NSW government needs to produce more building timber by using the taxpayers money currently used to prop up the native forest industry sector they could pay farmers to lease their unproductive agricultural land for use as softwood and hardwood plantation. This wood not only be a more productive plan and a much better use of taxpayers money but a long term plan for the future, plus at the same time help Australia reach and exceed it carbon emissions target.

I am a bush walker and at the present time there is so much destructive logging it is hard to find a native forest that isn't closed for logging or destroyed after the NSWFC have finished logging. I have family visiting from Ireland and I have to say I am ashamed to say we still log our native forests when in Ireland and other EU countries have targets to extent or revive their native forest estates which is proving hard to achieve.

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

We as a nation should be listening & learning from First Nations peoples and preserving and embracing First Nations history and cultural heritage values for future generations and for the sustainability of our Mother Earth.

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

The softwood plantations are providing all the timber needed for housing and is very profitable. As I said above If the NSW government needs to produce more building timber by using the taxpayers money currently used to prop up the native forest industry sector they could pay farmers to lease their unproductive agricultural land for use as softwood and hardwood plantation. This wood not only be a more productive plan and a much better use of taxpayers money but a long term plan for the future,

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

Softwood plantations could be used much more sustainably, there is too much waste but they are providing the timber needed for the building industry. It's the hardwood sector which is the

logging in native forests which is destructive and unprofitable even after subsidies from NSW government. So it a loss loss situation and so short sighted. How can the NSW government say they are going to stop the extinction of our beloved unique native animals and birds and at the same time totally destroy their habitat.

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

There is no sign of that happening on the mid north coast of NSW when our First Nations people try to stop the destruction of their heritage sites and brought it to the land and environment court they were told nswfc were within their rights. The EPA needs to be strengthened at state and federal levels and quickly.

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

So much unused, over farmed, degraded agricultural land, land that should only be used for tree production. Easy use the money currently being spent on roading inside public native forests for logging and use it to lease degraded farm land for the production of soft and hardwood plantation . This at the same time will keep our old growth standing and living in native forests and reduce our Carbon emissions and store more carbon, old growth forests that haven't been thinned out or left with gaping big brown dirt holes are safer in bush fire situations. The old growth rainforests keep water but also provide clean water, less erosion. A win win situation as apposed to the loose loose situation we currently have, degrading our most valuable asset.
Thank you for reading, please Stop logging in our Public Native Forests.