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Unfortunately it seems that forestry in NSW is currently financially and environmentally unsustainable, particularly with regards to old-growth forests. The timber harvested from these forests costs more than the value of them that is lost. I am in support of ending logging in native forests.

Our forests and ecosystems have immense value to our national psyche and what it means to be Australian. Removing these forever in favour of a one-time harvest clearly fails cost-benefit analysis. Our forests also have quantifiable value in terms of tourism; it is already evident that forests bring in more money to local communities as long-term attractions than they can from short-term harvesting.

The future of timber supply in Australia depends on carefully planned sustainable plantations, maximising their ability to absorb carbon (increasing their value) and creating new timber products such as engineered beams to add value to the local supply chain.

Meanwhile our native forests need to be left to recover, threatened species given a chance to survive, and for Australians to enjoy their greatest natural asset.