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

Current forestry operations are not sustainable, and haven't been for decades.

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

Govts need to save what is left, as forestry won't if it continues its current operational model

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

Can be sourced from plantations

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

Plantations are required, but no further land should be cleared for them.

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

Support Aboriginal forest model.

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

This is a farce.

South Coast NSW

5 October 2024

The Secretariat
Independent Forestry Panel, NSW

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I have lived on and off in southern NSW since 1967. I have also lived in the ACT. I cannot believe that the issue of the management, sustainability and protection of native forests still remains an issue of major concern. Over that almost 60 year period I have watched that public asset be continually cut down, burn down, be carved up, and overall be decimated by so many elements of the Forest Industry.

I have lived through the SE Forest wars of the 1970s and continuing; the Wood Chip Mill at Eden, and even a proposed charcoal factory at Mogo.

It is time for Governments of all persuasions to act with the future in mind, and to leave the native forests in a better condition than that left by the previous government and for future generations.

I make the following limited number of suggestions with respect to future management and protection:

- I oppose any logging in public native forests;
- Use plantation timber for housing and industry purposes;
- New plantations should only be established on existing degraded lands;
- I have watched increasing habitat and species losses, directly attributable to current forestry practices;

- The sooner Governments acknowledge that the NSW forest industry actually costs taxpayers huge sums of money the better;
- Government should allow those parts of the state forests with ecological values (and those state forests that can be rehabilitated) to be managed as national parks or other reserves;
- At the same time many of these new reserves can be managed or co-managed by Aboriginal people both for their cultural and environmental values;
- Please stop the Forestry Industry skewing the facts, and even lying to the public, on the value and contribution that that industry makes;
- The Regional Forests Agreements have not protected natural areas or old growth forests;
- I do not support carbon and biodiversity trading schemes being used with respect to the forest industry, often enabling excess emissions to be written off by unrelated industries (recently Woodside and Shell land purchases);
- The many and ongoing breaches of forestry regulations by NSW Forestry Corp. need to incur realistic fines, and judgements consider the cumulative impacts of this wanton disregard for public assets;
- Recognise the real value of intact natural ecosystems;
- Intact systems are becoming even more important as Climate Change conditions worsen.

Yours faithfully

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