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

The current forestry operations, in the mountains west of Grafton are not sustainable, in any way and the condition of Grafton and Coffs Harbours water supply are testimony to this. Large machinery is being used on quite steep country and leaving devastation, as they take out the trees they want and trashing all the surrounding bush.

Future operations need to be well planned and not in the areas destined to become the Great Koala National Park. They must stop logging on the steep slopes they are trashing now!

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

The environmental values of the forests are being totally ignored, as are the laws and rules the forestry corporation is meant to work under, in this part of the country.

Ive mentioned the water quality of our area and this is due to increased runoff, since the fires, which should of abated now, but is continuing due the rush to log this area, before they are stopped. The amount the wildlife is being disturbed and killed by the industrial logging, is not being documented or even acknowledge by the forestry or government. Threatened species are not being looked for by forestry, only the local ecologists.

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

most of the building industry uses softwoods for building, so hardwood forests, are not being used for most building.

Plantation forests are good places to access hardwood trees, as there is much less damage to the environment and threatened species from plantations. Plantations should not be established on steep country, which should be left for water catchment and ecological services.

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

I agree with this statement and endorse it. There are plenty of people around here doing private forestry and as long as it is done in accordance with best practice it should be allowed to continue. But there should not be private forestry or plantations on steep country. By steep I mean over 30 degrees.

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

State Forests are trashing all the land they go onto at the moment in a rush to maximise profits for individuals and in so doing is losing tax payers money hand over fist.

The condition of forestry land, the roads contained in that land are all in very poor condition.

Forestry do not seem to care about anything except the removal of large trees. They dont seem to

care about water quality, road access and who uses them. I don't believe that the current management of the forestry corporation should be allowed to continue. We need new management if we are to get any benefits from the current lands controlled by the corporation

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

Need a new model of operation and management if we want to gain any carbon or biodiversity benefits from our forests. There are good opportunity's to use our forests for greenhouse gas emission impacts and the assessment of climate change risks to forests, but this needs to be done in a scientific way and I would have no faith in current management to do the right thing for the state or country.