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

I am concerned about the logging of native forests anywhere in Australia but especially the Bulga state forest in my area which is regarded as a high conservation area and biodiversity. This can't be simply replanted, the complicity of this is not fully realized yet. This contains much very old growth forest which takes many years to mature.

Logged forests are more vulnerable to fires, and they destroy the habitat of so many of our precious native flora and fauna.

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

We have the worst record in the world of extinction of our native flora and fauna, yet these are valued and appreciated around the world. This is evidenced by the millions of dollars donated after some of our worst bush fires. Yet our environmental practices show that we will lose many more plants and animals as more and more are placed on the endangered, threatened or critical list.

Our native forests have great value and significance for our Indigenous people.

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

Most of our native forest timber is used for low grade products such as wood chip and paper pulp. Most of the sawn timber is from plantation forests statistically about 90%.

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

It is possible to transition away from native forest logging as SA and New Zealand have shown and have focused on plantation timber instead. This is more profitable, employs more people, is faster growing and is better for carbon capture.

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

The scientific evidence shows that thinning or logging native forests severely disadvantages many species as it destroys the biodiversity of the natural balance. Habitat loss is the major reason we have lost so many species and likely to lose many more.

Plantation forests employ many more people as they have to manage fire risks, feral pests and weed control. Tourism is also an important issue as many domestic and overseas tourists come for our national parks and natural beauty.

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

Healthy, diverse forests have much better protection for our native species, especially old growth trees which house many species and are the best storage of carbon which was proved in some of our recent bush fires.

Forests which have a good diverse range of trees store moisture better and reduce temperatures both of which are important in reducing fires or the severity of them.



FAWNA NSW
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FOR AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE NEEDING AID

What do you know about FAWNA (For Australian Wildlife Needing Aid)?

Well, some things to know:

FAWNA is the licensed Wildlife Rescue organisation in the Midcoast, Kempsey and Port Macquarie-Hastings areas (almost 18,000 square kilometres);

FAWNA receives no formal funding and are a wholly volunteer organisation;

We run a 24 hour hotline (ph: 65814141) and over any financial year typically respond to well over 3000 calls for injured or sick native animals and birds called in by caring members of the public;

We work closely with a number of caring veterinary clinics and other wildlife rescue services;

We are always in need of extra support in a variety of different ways and at times those wanting to rescue and care for native wildlife are not sure how to go about joining and what is involved.

Would you like to know more?

Well FAWNA volunteers will be hosting an afternoon tea at the Manning Valley Art Gallery (12 Macquarie St, Taree) between 2.30 and 4.30 pm on the 22 nd of October, 2022, to meet anyone who would like to know more about what we do.

If you would like to know more please feel free to drop in and have a chat obligation free!.

We will also host a stall at Envirofair on the same day and one of our members will be presenting a talk on how to make your garden more wildlife friendly at 1pm.

You can find more information at our website at: <https://www.fawna.org.au>