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

I live in NSW near the Kiwarrak and Bulga Forest. Originally being from Germany, I migrated to Australia partly because I was so fascinated and impressed by the unique biodiversity of Flora and Fauna which you cannot find anywhere else in the world. Often I said "How lucky you are in this country!" But over the years I watched the increasing destruction caused by the logging industry, that does not make sense. This unique nature cannot be regenerated, also logged forests are more prone to bushfires.

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

Native forests are essential for threatened species, not only koalas, but also gliders - e.g. greater gliders, yellow bellied gliders and more. Logging destroys their habitat which they depend on to survive, and I am shocked about the fact, that protesters who try to protect nature, are called criminals while destroying native forests is legal.

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

As far as I know, the timber is used for e.g. paper pulp and woodchips, so valuable timber is wasted at the expense of destroying native forests and killing native wildlife using tax payer's money.

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

Native forests are most important for threatened species to survive, and industrial logging that destroys their habitat, is mainly accountable for their extinction. Also there are many plants and many other animal species that are dependant on native forest. As many tourists visit Australia because of its unique flora and fauna, there could be opportunities for economic growth and employment by creating businesses for nature tourism rather than clearing native vegetation.

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

Climate change is already in full swing, and more attention must be paid to natural carbon absorption by SAVING our forests. Forests sequester greenhouse gases, while logging releases them. Healthy forests protect not only wildlife, OUR human lives depend on a healthy ecosystem. PLEASE stop the destructive and unnecessary logging before it is too late.