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

Apart from minor thinning and cold burning to prevent bushfires old growth native forests should not be logged.

They are habitat for irreplaceable flora and fauna and must be preserved.

Timber for products can be grown in separate quick growing plantation.

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

Aboriginal sacred places must be preserved in the same way we have rules protecting other places of worship and historical interest. The proposed Great Koala national park in NSW has been a great fiasco. Tree felling and habitat destruction has continued unabated. Much timber ending up as woodchips overseas. We have priceless and irreplaceable flora and fauna here and it is incompatible preserving it with machinery crashing and felling trees indiscriminately. Koalas need CORRIDORS of trees to thrive which lead somewhere and not into a deadend.

It is not compatible to have chainsaws and machinery in old grown forests.

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

Firstly the government must be transparent about what timber is required for building needs and totally transparent about where every tree ends up. We want plans for using recycled paper, use of hemp and bamboo, recycling building products. Due to a lack of transparency we don't know how much wood we need, what type can be grown quickly or what jobs are being arranged for former timber workers. With the need for more trees everywhere to cool the planet and remove carbon dioxide from the air we don't see them being grown in either country or city.

Carbon offset schemes are continually being exposed as bogus as old, scrubby, existing forests are being claimed as offsets. It seems our governments are in the grip of the timber industry as well as the fossil fuel companies and are working to appease these profit makers rather than the populace.

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

Nothing the previous government has privatised or worked with in a private/ public partnership has come in on time, on budget or cost taxpayers less in the end. We have no reason to expect Private Native Forestry would be different.

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 role of state forests in NSW seems to be akin to the worst environmental vandals.

The only sanctuary allowed for animals in some areas after the 2019-20:bushfires has been state forests which are now allowed to be cut down without regard to the burned out devastation on all sides.

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

If these schemes have worked overseas and can be shown to be working and reducing emissions it could be contemplated but companies desperate to cut corners, destroy Indigenous sites and ride roughshod over delicate flora in the interests of their shareholders profits as we saw with Rio Tinto in WA shows the environment can not be left to the market.