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

The current logging campaign in the Coffs Harbour region, is not sustainable. Areas in catchment zones when logged have been documented that they have destroyed water quality in the past in this region.

Destruction of the biodiversity of the region must be stopped if we want to be able to healthy diverse forests in this region.

In my role as a teacher I teach environment sustainability, one of the greatest threats to our ability to protect this region is from illegal clearing and bad management decisions I have witnessed locally by Forestry NSW

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

Koala's and the Greater glider must be protected. Currently forestry is logging and destroying our valuable environment, and the homes to many creatures great and small. Destroying diversity and bullying anyone who tries to protect the environment from their actions.

The local Aboriginal community has asked and is involved in trying to limit the destruction by Forestry NSW.

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

"When forestry moved its offices to the capital cities, they are no longer in touch with what is available to be logged each year." quote from a logger who independently ran a successful timber supply business for decades in the Orara valley. He is now retired.

Timber I acknowledge is needed for industry.

Currently there is too much wastage in the timber industry and in waste management, there is a better way forward than over logging our region.

Logging can be done sustainably, sadly many currently employed Forestry NSW staff need to be educated. Their actions have caused unnecessary habitat and biodiversity losses.

To also add to this litigation and fines, that the NSW tax payer covers, with little or no real action against the individual employees from forestry being held to account.

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

Investment into plantations I encourage.

Forestry NSW needs to increase the diversity of trees it currently produces at its nursery at Trenayr NSW.

One native and one type of pine is not enough diversity for our plantations

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

Greater Koala Park Now

Use Indigenous ranger program

Save these areas to protect the diverse forests of this region.

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

It has long been known and documented the importance of old growth forests. The importance of hollow bearing trees for our fauna.

It has been proven by science that diversity is key to the world being able to limit the affects of climate change.

In all honesty when are we going to stop the unabated rape and pillage of our environment for financial gain.

(And yet forestry would run at a loss if they had to account for fines and damage done to the indigenous flora and fauna and local communities)

We need the forests for the wellbeing of our community.

It has been proven time and again, that one of the biggest failures of humanity is that they allow the Environment carers and volunteers to support without compensation the economy.

The immense value of our environment, the biodiversity of flora and fauna, are proving to be such an important link to storing of carbon.

Please let's start moving towards protecting what is left.