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

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Sustainability. Sustainable for who, the wildlife or the economic value of the forest?

I have seen the results of logging on the ground I have seen the results of industrial what industrial logging does to the forest. 46 ton harvesters destroy the forest. I have walked through the fine, soft and powdery dust that is left over from forestry operations on slopes. waiting to be washed away into the rivers and creeks choking aquatic animals, platypuses and crayfish etc. I have seen the ridiculous sized habitat trees marked with and H. At most 15 centimetres in diameter. I have photographs. I have seen lone old habitat trees, the surrounding area cleared. Any possibility of a greater glider powerful owl made useless by no trees offering some canopy and shade. The contractors do not care. they want to log as fast as they can and don't want to mess around being concerned about endangered wildlife. They are driving huge machine through the forest and want to make as much money as quickly as possible. Contractors can't be sued for destroying wildlife habitat. Forest Corp Spin - "Protection of koalas and their habitat is a core priority and Forestry Corporation must comply with detailed regulations that require feed trees and habitat" Well that's a joke and if they are fined breaking regulation the tax payer pays the fine. Guess who I am talking about: <https://www.echo.net.au/2024/09/guess-who-i-am-talking-about/>

Untouched native forest is interspersed is destroyedvwith the blessing of Forest Corp with what Forest Corp classifies as plantation. If the plantation timber was allowed to grow another 40 years there would be sawlogs for the use of future generation. Instead few trees are being used for sawlogs by local mills, I have heard 30%. 30% are chipped and 30% are used to burn in "renewable power stations like the one at Woodburn on the North Coast. If the chipped and burn trees again had vowed allowed to mature there woud be some semblance of sustainability. Timber for future generations.

The economic value of the forest:

Everyone knows the destruction of habitat and all the benefits of having the forest intact, Hydrological, carbon sequestration, (I understand there are still a lot of people in the Government, by their action do not believe we are all rapidly cooking the planet and jobs are more important, instead of seeing carbon sequestration as one of the tools slow down climate change. If the Government is of the opinion that carbon and capture and storage is going to work we have no hope. It makes absolutely no sense.

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

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Environmental values.

I have seen the result of clear felling in the Bellingen area. The clays left exposed, baked by the sun.

"Scientists have uncovered extensive below-ground networks formed between trees, fungi, and bacteria, which provide each species with the nutrients"

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Clear felling destroys ecosystems that took millions of years to create. Biodiversity of plants and animals. When the forests are clear felled they are burnt and the any new growth is poisoned to allow fast growing species like black butt to be replanted. Blackbutt are not a Koala food tree. Greater glider in the area will become extinct.

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

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Houses can be built with pine for frames. Yes flooring decking and hardwood feature timber is needed. But Forest Corp is doing it's best to burn future potential timber for building for renewable energy, which creates more CO2 emission than coal as wood has a lower calorific value than coal or gas so proportionally more timber is need for equivalent energy.

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

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A lot of the Private Native forests that are used by the [REDACTED] are used to make pallets tomato stakes and wood chips for the burning in renewable power stations and export.

**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**

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Currently the management of State forests have proved themselves to be unable deliver any, environmental, (destroy habitat and wantonly destroy food trees for Koalas), social outcomes, limited vision for keeping healthy economic forests for future generations, Aboriginal Management models ( I was unaware that Aboriginal people experience of managing forests in the age of industrial logging. I am all for Aboriginal people having jobs for caring for their land sustainability.

**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**

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The Government is really serious about doing anything about mitigating climate change or biodiversity, except photo opportunities with cuddly wildlife in Zoos and the Koala hospital. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] As you may have notices I have become very cynical of the Labor Party after they broke their promise to create a Great Koala Park.