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

Firstly everything is linked, as we degrade the environment, we lose habitat and biodiversity this naturally leads to unhealthy ecosystems and an eventual decreased ability to sustain life. If things keep going the way they are there won't be much of an economy in the future anyway.

As logging in NSW makes a huge loss every year despite grants etc, financially it doesn't make any sense.

As a tax payer I completely object to the current status quo of regulation and fines. We the public pay for the legal's and fines given to NSW forestry, rendering the legal regulatory system a farce, where is the insensitive to do the right thing when the public pick up the bill. Where is the duty of care for people, plants or animals.

I don't know anyone who thinks we should keep logging.

I have read 'the forest wars' and I have also sat in the NSW parliament and listened to an MP state that 'there are too many trees and that's why we had bad bushfires because they need thinning out' and 'God made the trees for man to cut them down and build' This is truly an insult to the people of NSW, no wonder the govt still allows the logging of OUR Native Forests. It seems pretty clear that healthy NF's minimise the harm of bush fires.

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

If everything is weighed in immediate economic terms, and humans can't see the value of protecting native forests and all that they stand for in terms of biodiversity, health, water supply/access, beauty, culture, etc then that is very sad indeed.

We cut down trees hundreds of years old and that is just sad. Animals, insects, other plants all live in old, even hollow trees and clear felling destroys everything.

Creating little 'koala hubs' is futile, they can't survive in a contained limited area. Australia is the native species extinction capital of the world. Are we backwards here down under?

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

Also very sad is how many big native forest trees are used for low value products. Much sent off shore. What a waste. The fact that we need a panel to see this is ridiculous. Humans are versatile we can change and we will all be better for it. We are creative, resourceful and together we can create a safer healthier environment instead of the continuous destruction of finite resources.

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

Plantations already supply more than 90% of building needs. Instead of the loss making logging of native forests the monies should be put into more plantations, turning degraded agricultural land into fertile soil, and employing people in these healthier and more sustainable practices.

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 current NSW Forestry does not have the greater good in mind, nor does it enjoy public trust or support. Everyone I tell about how their taxes go to prop up an industry which cuts down their publicly owned forests at a loss cannot believe it. We need a new model, which utilises the traditional and scientifically relevant/tested knowledge of First Nations persons and gives employment opportunities. A new model that nurtures our forests instead of finding sneaky ways to keep logging such as 'forest gardening' and 'thinning' which are dubiously used in Victoria under the untested guise of traditional land care. The NSW Forestry method of throwing some seeds after a burn is very random, usually unsuccessful and generally again a waste of money, except then they can claim it as theirs and not a Native Forest.

We need a new model based on tested best practice. Doing this will create jobs, create tourism and save our forests.

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

Well known fact that old trees store more carbon. Stopping logging seems a no brainer towards reaching our emissions reduction targets.

The further climate change gets away from us the more rapid the ensuing impacts on the environment and life.