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

Forestry operations have been repeatedly proved to be unsustainable, both ecologically and financially, for the last 50 years.

If current and future forestry operations continue down this path they will compound an avoidable and pointless catastrophe.

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

Environmental and cultural values of forests have been consistently ignored because the demands of the timber industry have been considered paramount.

The opportunity for "balanced use" passed long ago. All that can be done now to claw back some of the non-logging values by immediately ceasing all logging in native forest.

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

Demand for timber products can be adequately addressed by Australian plantation timbers.

If logging of native forest continues at the present rate the timber industry will still be forced to abandon native forests sooner or later.

Surely it is preferable to call a halt before the national forest is reduced to trees whose size is no longer commercially viable.

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

We already have sufficient softwood and hardwood plantations to meet our needs.

Native forestry should be rapidly phased out in private and public forests.

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

I have been a close watcher of State Forests since 1974 and I have observed that their management has never maximised the delivery of a range of outcomes and options as stated above.

All that has happened is that the spin has become more sophisticated.

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

By the far the best way to realise carbon and biodiversity benefits is to cease all native forest logging immediately.