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Current & future forestry operations in NSW are unsustainable, leading to environmental destruction, wildlife extinction, increase in threatened species, & adding to worldwide climate change which is now at or past the tipping point. Forests are not just “building materials” as seen by loggers, but homes to threatened & endangered species, (bringing with them the species survival & diversity), places of cultural significance to Aboriginal peoples.

Alternatives to circumvent the demand for native timbers for building materials needs to be explored. Softwood & hardwood plantation timbers are a viable & sensible alternative to plundering our forests!

Logging Native forests is leading to rapid extinction of species such as the Koala & Greater Glider, and cannot be described as sustainable! Logging public native forests is costing the taxpayer millions and leading to permanent damage to our forests. We need healthy forests for holding carbon, cleaning our water, providing habitat, improving fire management, providing recreation, spiritual connection and logging native forests damages all these values.

I would also emphasize that the general public needs education about the value of our Native forests, not seeing them merely as a resource & commodity to be exploited, but as a valuable asset for future generations, & for physical & mental health benefits. In this day & age when most children are exposed to screens all day, the natural world has many things to offer the generations coming up, & we MUST protect our forests and all natural environments so that a quality of life that only these can offer are preserved.

There is a huge movement worldwide as we struggle to avoid the destruction of the worlds great forests, against greed & ignorance. We must act now! Thank you for this inquiry!