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

I own a property which borders DieHappy State Forest, west of Bellingen NSW. DieHappy contains pristine old growth temperate rain forest that is unchanged for millennia. It is home to Koalas, Greater Gliders, Long Nose Potoroos, Sugar Gliders and Glossy Black Cockatoos, all of which are threatened and/or endangered. It is a vast carbon sink. It is also our home. We are in the process of setting up a wilderness retreat that we hope will bring tourism and income to this local region. The state forest surrounding us on three sides is planned for clear fell logging by NSW Forestry Commission. This is deeply distressing on a personal, emotional and intellectual level. I call on the panel to listen to the evidence based science, not to the vested interests of an unsustainable forestry industry. You know that logging native forest negatively impacts native wildlife, increases fire risk, reduces rain fall, increases soil erosion and costs tax payers money. I call on the panel to advise for the end to native forest logging in NSW at the earliest opportunity, as other states have already done.