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

This idea of logging forests because it makes for jobs and materials for building is a short term one as forests are finite. They are being decimated coup by coup, ultimately clearing swathes of land to the elements and wiping out ecosystems that have sustained the region's topographical stability for thousands of years

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

Forests keep soils and water systems intact and healthy. Forests make for clean abundant air that all life depends upon. Forests hold millions of life forms safely and without them...these life forms diminish and ultimately...disappear. When we cut forests down we lose animals, birds, insects, aquatic life and micro organisms that sustain all of these natural systems.

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

Materials for housing can be sustainable using earths and recycled plastics for just two options. Mud brick and rammed earth walls have lasted for thousands of years and cost almost nothing. Houses should be made from the land upon which a house stands if possible. Why is this option not viable? Earths are strong, can be made weather and vermin proof and can be made relatively easily, using simple frames. The destruction of our limited forests is unsustainable and deeply unethical and a criminally bad choice for governments to allow ongoing decimation of them. Plastics are now into a trajectory of extremely problematic quantities of refuse, so should be processed at scale into useable building components. The potential is limitless and all efforts must be made to do this and make the plastics option a cheap and popular alternative to wood.

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

The clearing of land by land owners for selling off to enrich themselves - is like putting a child in a lollyshop and hoping he/she won't gorge themselves. This option is beyond understanding as people are generally self serving and easy money hard to ignore. Government subsidies for land owners to not clear their land for short term gain must be given priority so that Australian forests can be protected and sustained into the long term future.

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

What is very obvious is that Forestry in NSW is on a path of maximising their logging activities before the government finally realises the extent of damage that has been done to our natural estate. The Minns government has turned its back on our forests and the environment and is actively involved in the process of allowing the destruction to continue, with complete disregard

to the opinions of scientists and environmentalists. NSW Forestry is creating desecrated regions of otherwise intact forests, opening them up to drying out and being much more vulnerable to fire storms. They do not have social licence to log our forests in our region, with all opposition being charged and suppressed by police. Our population is watching helplessly as our beautiful region being changed, opened up and degraded...without our approval or consent.

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

Science tells us that forests are intrinsic to good air, water and soil. Right around the world forests are disappearing. They are our stabilisers and oxygen producers and absorbers of carbon dioxide. Without them the world heats up and can not cool temperatures or produce breathable air. These are basic principles and all other considerations of the needs of humans to build houses etc.. comes a long way back from the needs to have a healthy planet. Given the rate of deforestation in Australia we have limited time to enjoy good conditions and a sustainable future.