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

I am writing to give my support behind an immediate end to native forest logging in NSW. The future industry needs to be based on sustainable plantations, not logging irreplaceable native forests that are a habitat for so many of our precious endangered species.

Native forest logging is driving the endangered koala and greater glider to extinction. An immediate logging moratorium should be placed over core greater glider and koala habitat while the FIAP process is underway;

The true value of our native forests comes from their critical role in carbon storage, providing a clean and reliable water supply, providing critical habitat, recreation and spiritual connection.

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

As a keen birder, I have a huge concern about the loss of native forests in NSW and subsequent loss of habitat for our many bird species that are dependent on woodlands. Woodlands are rapidly finishing across the state and with them the unique species - both bird and animal - that Australia is known and loved for. There are alternatives to logging native forests as we have seen elsewhere in Australia and NSW needs to demonstrate an active concern for previous environmental values by ending native logging for good.