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

Sustainability by (Oxford dictionary definition) is the ability for something to be maintained at a certain rate or level.

State forest yields have declined by 40% in 2010 from

1.3 million tonnes down to 0.8 million tonnes in 2023, forests are running out of logs. these forests have taken thousands of years to evolve and grow. How is this sustainable?

If sustainability is defined as the avoidance of the depletion of natural resources in order to maintain an ecological balance, and forestry logging operations are reducing habitat that will lead to the extinction of species, how is this sustainable?

To improve current practices and make future forestry operations sustainable, we need to plant more forestry plantations now to harvest them in the next 30 years. Dont log old growth. Plant more forestry plantations.

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

Forests create rain, clean air and cooler environments. Forests maintain biodiversity, respect for Aboriginal cultural values and forests promote tourism to Australia. According to Australian government website "Tourism research Australia", tourism consumption was \$164.5 billion in 2022-23. Protect biodiversity and our beautiful environment. It is such a fantastic resource.

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

About two-thirds of the 26 million cubic metres of logs currently harvested each year in Australia are grown in plantations. These logs are used to make products including sawn timber and panels for home building and furniture construction, a wide range of writing, packaging, tissue and other paper products. Most are sold to the Australian domestic market, but the manufacture of plantation products for export is also a major industry. Employment and wealth flow directly from the growing of plantations and the conversion of logs into products for domestic use and export. This information comes from report by the National Plantation Inventory . We need more timber plantations to supply the whole of Australia's demand for timber products, so that 100 % of our timber products comes from, plantations to make this industry truly sustainable.