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

There are serious questions about the sustainability of forestry operations in NSW. The devastating fires have left the forests damaged, depleted and even more vulnerable to more fire in dense regrowth. The mining of the trees of the past 50 years is no longer viable and more money needs to be spent in restoring the forests than is just harvesting them.

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

Now is the time for forest managers to acknowledge their duty to the earth and people of NSW by placing environmental and cultural values ahead of the market. What about the forestry Corp focused their efforts on truly protecting the forests and the biodiversity for the future.

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

More effort could be spent in recycling timber products than at present. Building timbers, paper and cardboard too often end up in landfill. The whole market led approach to our nature needs to become more aware and responsible.

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

I observed the effects of the climate change fires of 2019-2020 from within the burnt forest. Old growth mature trees survived the fires and are more quickly restored to a viable ecosystem than the regrowth from 50 years of wood chipping. A mature forest holds carbon in its components as well as the biodiversity we have a responsibility to protect for the future. Burning so called forest waste for electricity is madness if it is part of continued logging of mature forests.