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SUSTAINABILITY OF ENERGY SUPPLY AND RESOURCES IN NSW

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I encourage the State to rapidly establish renewable energy supplies and storages, with the aim of ending greenhouse gas emissions and preferably drawing GGs back out of our air supply.

In particular I deplore the idea of using native forests, public or private, of high or low conservation value, as mere fuel to be burned as an energy supply. Forests have non-monetary values (such as fresh air, clean water, richer soils, erosion controls, habitat diversity, psychological support) which are roughly speaking irreplaceable.

Further, the carbon dioxide emissions of burning forests for energy will not be reabsorbed by forests for say 50 to 500 years. Whereas our priorities in this or shorter time scales need to be to protect our world and local climate from greenhouse heating,

Indeed we need to be reestablishing and regenerating native forests urgently.

Forest nutrients need to be protected and reestablished, not driven up the chimneys of our greed.

Please recommend that forests be excluded from use as biomass for energy.

Thank you for reading.