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## **SUSTAINABILITY OF ENERGY SUPPLY AND RESOURCES IN NSW**

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To the Environment and Planning Committee of NSW

Thank you for the opportunity to input into the democratic process as a citizen of Australia. One hopes the people's voice will not be ignored. It is most important that this current enquiry into sustainable energy resources reassess the burning of trees for electricity production and the woodchip industry overall.

Climate scientists challenge the assertion that burning trees for electricity is "carbon neutral". More carbon is released into the atmosphere with burning trees than with other fossil fuel sources. Trees are not "renewed" for at least 20 years. Soil is compromised. Wildlife habitat is destroyed. Ambience for the public is destroyed. In the light of the evidence the current management of our state forests cannot be justified. Plantations are not forests. And when the plantations are all gone the contracts will have to be filled with virgin forests. There go our forests.

The logging and woodchip industries greatly distress my heart. To see my local state forest at Woodenbong razed to the ground last July was tragic. Forests have intrinsic value apart from making money. These industries are untenable and not viable. It is only with misdirected government subsidies and concessions that these industries are profitable at all.

Before there is any more destruction of our forests, please consider the worth of solar and wind farms. How marvellous, sun and wind are renewed daily. There is wide recognition that solar and wind are cheaper as well. How about it?

Yours sincerely,

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