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Subject: Re: Long term sustainability and future of the timber and forest products industry - post hearing responses
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Dear Portfolio Committee 4

I would like to add 5 points of additional information.

1) As I have said forestry is a poor land use ! If there was a good return in growing plantation timber don't you think a lot of farmers would be doing it?

2) Forest corporation have land what they don't utilise that has scrub and native timber on it , I'm told they get payed carbon credits for this land , if there was money in growing trees for timber why are the not doing it?

3) 3 days after the Dunns road fire 2019 burnt pine plantations out in the area the creeks began to run and there had been no rain for months , the same happened in 2006 with the Billo fire at Tumut ,creeks that had been dry started to run water , this just proves how much water plantation pine uses .

CSIRO had an on going water study at Kileys run Redhill on the effects of pine plantations on local streams ! This was discontinued a few years ago , Why ?

4) More food producing farm land should NOT be put in to forestry as it is a poor land use , low return (is subsidized by the tax payer) and forest growing cannot look after what they have now.

5)As I have already said legislation needs to be changed so Forest grower are responsible for the weeds on their land , if they cannot afford to maintain their weeds / land than they should not be doing it! As they are a financial burden on their neighbors which is not right.

6)Tumbarumba high school in the 1980s had around 500 students before managed investment schemes and forest nsw bought up a lot of country a lot being small family farms ,2019 I'm told the high school had 160 students. If forestry creates a lot of jobs where did all the students go ?

Thank you for the opportunity to have input in to your inquiry.

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