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Living trees are imperative to all life. They store carbon. They give us oxygen. They uplift our spirits. They communicate underground through fungi. They take a long time to grow. They hold the soil together. They are habitat to our native animals. Our national icon the koala will become extinct without them. They are completely irreplaceable. To cut them down for short term profit is abhorrent. To be cutting down areas that weren't destroyed in the horrific fires that will never be forgotten, fires that we haven't seen the last of in this drying and drying country, is astounding. I am just as shocked to the core at continuing to see trees being recklessly cut down and cleared with massive machinery, as I was to see them burning ferociously totally out of control. The more that are cut the more our environment will be degraded. We must be the guardians of nature of which we are a part, not the destructors, as in being destructors we are destroying ourselves.

Stop logging old forests and national parks. Surely, they are made national parks for their everlasting protection.