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I submit:

- That the forestry industry in the south east of NSW has been a costly disaster for the environment, for threatened species, for watercourses and of course for the taxpayer that has subsidised the industry with \$\$millions that are urgently needed for roads, public transport, health and education;
- That there is little protection built in to the IFOA process to protect rare, endangered, threatened or vulnerable species;
- That the fauna survey and assessment work which is required to find the aforementioned species is grossly inadequate to even locate said species pre-logging, let alone sensitive enough to provide prescriptions, logging methodologies etc to protect them;
- That the few jobs maintained in the native hardwood industry, therefore, come at a huge and unacceptable price. The special treatment given to "loggers" flies in the face of job losses in unsustainable and poorly performing industries across the greater region: cars, fruit canning are but two examples;
- If Forest Corp was a private business it would have gone bankrupt years ago, its assets frozen, creditors (read taxpayers) paid off the few cents in the dollar claimable, workers paid their entitlements (one would hope) and its directors probably facing ASIC over false and misleading claims to shareholders (read, again, taxpayers). In a rationalist economic world, it is irrational and uneconomic to continue to support this industry;
- The IPCC 's latest report suggests that we do not have time or resources to squander on reducing the release of otherwise bound C into the atmosphere. All standing stocks of C (in this case, forests including under-storey, shrub layer and soils) need to be left intact. SE NSW and Australia will go a long way to meet its (sadly inadequate) C reduction targets simply by shutting down inefficient enterprises like the logging of existing native forests. Regeneration of previously logged forests must be allowed to continue unimpeded.

I submit these views in the hope that someone reads them, listens to their message and thinks about what the alternative to shutting down this disastrous industry might entail.

We cannot afford "business-as-usual".

Yours sincerely

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