



# native forestry in WA

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| "Forests are being destroyed at the rate of 10 football fields every day"                       | Forestry does not destroy forests.<br><i>Native forests are regenerated post-harvest, in line with strict ecologically-sustainable forest management practices.</i>  |
| "Native forestry is not viable"   | Native forestry is viable & underpins many profitable local businesses.<br><i>The sector contributes \$220 million to the WA economy and directly employs more than 500 people.</i>  |
| "Old growth forests are being destroyed"  | In 2001, WA became the first state to outlaw harvesting of old growth forests.<br><i>High conservation value forest, habitat trees and riparian zones are also protected.</i>  |
| "85% of the timber that comes out of those forests is either waste, charcoal, firewood or pulp" | We use the whole tree.<br><i>100% utilisation with all timber going to the highest value use, from furniture through to silicon produced from charcoal.</i><br><i>Nothing is a 'waste' product to us.</i>  |
| "Transition the timber industry to plantation & farm forestry"                                  | Plantation forestry cannot simply replace native forestry.<br><i>Land availability, market access &amp; fibre properties are all limiting factors.</i><br><i>The result would be an increased reliance on timber imports from other countries.</i> |
| "The forests are worth more standing"   | The forests are worth most, when managed properly.<br><i>Actively-managed, multiple-use forests fight climate change, provide renewable resources and recreational opportunities.</i>  |

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