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It is Government policy to phase out old growth logging by 2030. In view of the terrible loss of forest and habitat from bushfires it is clear that the phase out needs to happen as soon as possible. For climate change to be effectively responded to Victoria needs to become a leader in renewable energy. The Government has made a good start, but now is the time to transition logging workers to sustainable industries such as renewable energy. Investment is required so that no jobs are lost, but indeed new longterm sustainable jobs are created, We cannot afford to lose any more old growth forests and must ensure the future of jobs in our state by building the infrastructure; solar farms, battery and pumped hydro storage, wind and other technologies that will make Victoria a powerhouse for industry.

Gas exploration and development must stop now along with coal and gas being produced now kept onshore for industry needs in our country so that the transition to the new economy can occur and Victoria can continue to be competitive in world markets.

We don't have ten years. We don't have five years that biodiversity is maintained.

to be water and soil conserving and international initiatives such as are now being built near

Stawell need to be replicated.
Stopping logging now is a no-brainer!

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