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Topic 1. Sustainability of current and future forestry operations in NSW

I fully support an end to native forest logging and a future based on SUSTAINABLE plantations.

I have lived in southeastern NSW for 35 years. When I arrived in this area all those years ago, I saw the intact native forests that were vital for the survival of our animals, our plants, and our humans. Then I saw the devastation of logging - partly for the timber industry, but mostly for the woodchip industry. Back then I spent hours, days, weeks, months, protesting and writing to politicians about the negative impacts of logging our native forests. And now here I am, still writing the same submissions 35 years on.....

Logging public native forests is costing the taxpayer millions and leading to permanent damage to our forests.

Topic 2. Environmental and cultural values of forests, including threatened species and Aboriginal cultural heritage values

Logging of native forests is leading to the extinction of species, such as the Greater Glider and Koala and so CANNOT be described as sustainable. We know unequivocally that habitat loss is the main cause of the reduced numbers of these iconic species - as a nation we cannot put these animals at any greater risk by removing more habitat. Regrowth forest CANNOT support the survival of these endangered species.

Topic 5. The role of State Forests in maximising the delivery of a range of environmental, economic and social outcomes and options for diverse management, including Aboriginal forest management models

State Forests need to shift their focus from facilitating the logging of our native forests, to preserving the environmental values of our forests. They should do this in cooperation with local Aboriginal groups, especially in the case of fire management, and cool burns for hazard reduction.

Topic 6. Opportunities to realise carbon and biodiversity benefits and support carbon and biodiversity markets, and mitigate and adapt to climate change risks, including the greenhouse gas emission impacts of different uses of forests and assessment of climate change risks to forests

We need healthy forests for holding carbon, cleaning our water, providing habitat, improving fire management, providing recreation, spiritual connection and logging native forests damages all these values.