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

I have worked in the industry for 17 years. I work in a mill sawing high end products like flooring. I have family in the industry who harvest fence posts and fire wood. These 3 product types point to the sustainability of the industry. A logging event is used to reset the forest, the trees are chosen to satisfy a desired log mix, but also to let the next crop grow on. Not only the premium logs are targeted - but some are also intentionally left as seed trees- trees are removed to give the next generation the best chance to grow well. The products from the poorer trees are utilized as products in demand like firewood and fence posts.

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

Timber is part of the culture where I live. The forests are looked after because generations of families are proud timber workers. The environment and the plants and animals are managed as per the codes, but also because forest workers love the forest.

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**Topic 3. Demand for timber products, particularly as relates to NSW housing, construction, mining, transport and retail**

The demand for sawn timber is always there. The demand for posts, a product people don't really think of, is so great that they are being made from concrete as an alternative. The demand for firewood is seasonal, but the firewood in Sydney, in all the home there must be produced in a forest.

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**Topic 4. The future of softwood and hardwood plantations and the continuation of Private Native Forestry in helping meet timber supply needs**

Private resources don't produce nearly as much as the state resource, it won't pick up the short fall.

We need more plantations if we are going to supply our own timber in the future, with or without native forests. It mills differently too.

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**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 provide a role national parks don't. We use the forest for timber, but it also brings tourist for the mountain biking and other things you can't do in a national park. The trees and biodiversity offerings are still the same

**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**

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The trees and biodiversity values are the same as the national park. sell them into the same schemes as the parks.

Regenerating forests use more carbon than a mature forest.