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

Forests are managed sustainably. The logs from a harvest operation are tagged with a bar code and can be tracked all the way through the production line.

Closing more forest to harvest wont safe guard the environment, it will push the use of steel, concrete and fibreglass that are not renewable.

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

The values of the forest are disturbed during a harvest, but the forest regenerates. the amount of forest disturbed each year is less than half a percent of the entire state owned forest area.

Deforestation is related to land clearing for other land uses. Native timber forestry is never land clearing.

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

Timber products are slowing. The demand for timber will be filled by imports if we don't manage our huge resource here.

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

PNF is variable depending on the land owner.

Hardwood plantations for sawn timber need more time to grow large logs. And we need more of them

Pine is not interchangeable for native timbers

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

These wants are already filled by State Forests.

There have been suggestions that the state forests could close, and eco-tourism could take place of the timber industry. State forests are already visited by tourists for horse riding etc. that can't be done in a national park, camping is free, so people spend in local towns.

Where are the extra tourist going to come from? where are they going to stay? What are you going to build new infrastructure with? Not timber...

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

Keep the forest productive. Design schemes around the ability of the forest to regenerate and provide all the outcomes including wood.