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

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

NSW logging is subsidised by the taxpayer and makes an economic loss.

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

Over 18,000 hectares of core koala habitat and 11,000 hectares of greater glider refugia is currently being logged or scheduled for logging.

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

There is no need to log public forests to build houses. Products from NSW logging operations are mostly woodchips for export and other low value products, such as pallets and tomato stakes.

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

An end to native forest logging is possible. The transition to a plantation based industry is nearly complete, with around 90% of Australia's timber needs being met by current production.

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

The true value of our native forests comes from their critical role in carbon storage, the water cycle, providing habitats, reducing fire risks and recreation.

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

The role of native forests needs to be recognised in mitigating the biodiversity and climate crisis.