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

I support sustainable timber harvesting from state forests.

Having worked in the industry for 15 years I understand the need for timber is balanced with the protection of the environment.

Banning timber harvesting wont stop the demand for timber products.

We should continue to manage our forests responsibly to supply timber now and into the future.

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

Forests are managed for these outcomes, if they weren't they wouldn't be suited to the national parks system. Don't get confused, selective harvesting and regrowing can be done again and again.

Clearing and deforestation is not forestry. Clearing and deforestation are tools for land use change from forests to agriculture or housing. Not methods of state forest management, clearing is not allowable under any NSW forest policy.

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

There is a housing crisis. Timber is always in demand.

Hardwood timbers have specific specialty uses like power poles, and load bearing applications like bridges that can't be substituted for other timbers.

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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

Some timber will be substituted with engineered timber products. The issue is that there are not enough timber plantations, soft or hardwood, being planted. Government schemes haven't had the desired effect to boost this in recent years. More work needs to be done to secure the country's future timber supplies. Even if native timbers are accessible, we still need more plantations.

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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

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 is recognised and maintained through state forest policy and reviewed by the EPA

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**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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Continued management of the forest on a sustainable basis will provide the best opportunities for the state, and the world, because it won't cause a shift to steel, plastic and cement-based products.