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

Our NSW forestry operations must be changed to only involve logging of sustainable plantation forest.

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

The greater glider and koala are being rapidly driven to extinction from non- sustainable logging. Thought must also be carefully given to the role native forests play in the Spiritual connection of indigenous people to their land.

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

We need to think laterally about ways of managing timber supplies and products so that we no longer draw on Native Forest timber.

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

It is imperative that Indigenous leaders are involved in State Forest management and policy reviews.

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 true value of forests to me is in walking through them, understanding their critical role in carbon storage, habitat preservation and that without them we are nowhere near as rich as a society. I will be thinking of these things when I visit the Tarkine in Tasmania in November which has been decimated as a result of poor decision making. Don't let this happen in NSW.