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

The current operations are not sustainable. They focus primarily on the sustainability of timber supply only. Clearfell logging should cease immediately. Selective logging should be much more limited in scale to lessen the impacts on threatened species and on streamflow and water quality.

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

Aboriginal cultural values are not well documented and likely to only represent a small part of the full values. Best to liaise in-depth with elders.

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

Plantation forests can provide for all needs if government gets on and plants them.

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

Not sure PNF is sustainable- have had friends have PNF undertaken on their land a decade ot so ago and the land is not recovering well.

The future is hardwood and softwood plantations on already cleated land (reforest the inlier plantations). Get on with establishing new plantations and ending native forest logging please.

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

Really just last-century spin which means we will degrade the forests slowly but give you a picnic table or two. Incompatible for a logging-led agency to balance outcomes. Over my life forests managed for logging have noticeably degraded.

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

All this is just how you account for these benefits. Benefits start to acrue as soon as you end native forest logging (assuming no increase in PNF and future timber and pulp supplied from plantations).