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

Current operations are not sustainable and are declining in yield whilst the estimates for future timber harvest are overestimated

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

Threatened species contained within native forests will continue to be ever more vulnerable if native logging continues

Maintaining our native forests has global, national and First Nations value worth preserving

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

Demand is dropping and too many trees are turned into wood chips

There are substitutes presently available to replace our current use of hardwoods

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

Plantations already provide 91% of Australia's log 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 Forestry Corporation operates at a loss which runs into tens of millions of dollars whereas First Nations Ranger programs have been hugely successful

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

Ending native logging will make a significant contribution to meeting our emissions targets.