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

The current industrial clearfell logging of native forest is not sustainable. Only 10% of logs are big enough for saw logs. The rest goes to pallets and timber. Forestry Corp NSW needs access to previously protected areas to fulfil its contracts.

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

Forests are the lungs of the earth. They cool our overheating planet. give us fresh air and water. Are carbon sinks. Provide habitat for millions of species that we depend on to survive as a human species. There is a great future for long and short term forest plantations. Aboriginal people have suffered witnessing the cutting down of half of their forests in the last 200 years . they have a strong spiritual connection to the forests. We owe it to them to conserve what is left.

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

See 1.

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

Private Native Forests should be better protected too. Only selective logging should be allowed.

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

State Forest should be heavily involved in weed control, control of feral animals.

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

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

Native forest logging is driving not only the koala and greater glider to extinction. The fragmentation of logging destroys the connectivity of plants and animals. The encroachment of human habitation makes it of utmost importance that native forests are protected for ever.

Global warming is knownto be an existential threat to human survival. The IPCC reports are becoming more and more urgent, natural disasters becoming more and more common.

Uninterrupted forests cool our earth, cause rainfall west of the Great Divide. In my 74 years on this planet I have seen the incredible resilience of forests to regenerate if given half a chance. I'm

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currently involved in a volunteer regeneration project of a weed infested littoral rainforest hind dune in North Beach.

The regrowth after 4 years is astounding, a real asset to the local community and threatened glossy black cockatoos. We must take much better care of Mother Earth