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

I fully support an end to native forest logging and a future based totally on sustainable plantations of hard and softwood species.

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

Today, it is common knowledge that logging of native forests is leading to the extinction of species, such as the Greater Glider, Glossy Black Cockatoo, Owl species, espec. Powerful Owl and Koala and so can, in no way, be described as sustainable.

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

While there is a role for the use of timber in industry, stronger initiatives are required from Government, both Federal and State, to limit timber use, favouring alternative materials.

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

There is a strong need to accelerate the development of hard and softwood plantations. Private plantations, as a major priority, should be on already cleared farmland. Vegetation clearing on rural properties needs to be far more strictly controlled.

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

I fully support continuing development to harness Aboriginal forest management models.

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

Logging public native forests is costing the taxpayer millions and leading to permanent damage to our forests. We need healthy forests for holding carbon, cleaning our water, providing habitat, improving fire management, providing recreation, spiritual connection. LOGGING NATIVE FORESTS DAMAGES ALL THESE VALUES.