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

Current forestry practices are not economically or environmentally sustainable. They risk both the economic and environmental futures of or children.

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

Absolutely they provide these. They should be protected for this reason and provide opportunities for economic benefits in tourism as well as water quality, air quality and the need for biodiversity to support the entire ecological system. We cannot continue to remove ecosystems and think it will not impact the current and future health of the planet and all diversity.

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

There are other options. Native hardwood should not be removed as a building product. Other countries have moved to still and softwoods.

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

A mix is required but not at the expense of clearing native forest. Retain softwood plantations only in existing softwood plantation lots.

Monocultures are not healthy biodiverse ecosystems.

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

No. Forestry are incapable of managing land for a range of multiple purposes. It is not there skill set or expertise let alone interest. There forests I have visited are weed and pest infeatwd. Not managed properly with degraded trails, trail bike riding eroded areas uncontrolled hunting. No compliance of 4wds. No visibility of staff. A falsehood that state forests are multipurpose. Hand it to NPWS.

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

Not the role of forestry and they have shown no capacity or ability to do any of this. Why is this on the table now.