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

I fully support an end to native forest logging in NSW and a future based on sustainable plantations. This is the only commonsense way forward. The Native Forests are very important to our future in reducing climate change and protecting our environment, flora & fauna. Logging Native Forests increases the risk of wild fires which damage not only the environment but also human life.

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

Logging of native forests is leading to the extinction of species, such as the Greater Glider and Koala and so cannot be described as sustainable. The oldest culture in the world should have every artifact protected for future generations.

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

Logging of public native forests is costing the taxpayer millions of dollars every year and is leading to permanent damage of our forests. As a society we need to ensure that the Flora and Fauna in the landscape thrive. There are other options than wood for building houses. ie Steel frames.

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

The future of Timber plantations should not be propped up by Taxpayer funds or tax concessions. As a business if it is not viable then it should not exist. We need to look at other sources than wood to build our homes, for example using steel to frame our houses.

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 Forests NSW has continually failed in its management of our Native Forests and cost the NSW Taxpaper millions of dollars every year. Logging of Native Forests in NSW need to cease now.

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 believe that we need healthy forests for holding carbon, cleaning our water, providing habitat, improving fire management, providing recreation, spiritual connection and logging native forests damages all these values. Logging Native Forests increases the risk of wild fires and the damage that this does to not only our wildlife but to human occupation in Australia is huge.