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

I completely support the immediate end to native forest logging and create a future industry based only on sustainable plantations

I understand NSW logging is subsidised by us, the taxpayer, and we guide our political representatives to look after our individual interests not that of commercial, self-serving short-term operators. It is vital governments listen and change forestry operations as we request, and particularly also it makes an economic loss!!!

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

The urgent and immediate halt to logging over core Greater Glider and koala habitat is required right NOW!

Our government is facilitating and driving the endangered koala and Greater Glider to extinction. Please reconsider policies in place now and in the future to address this devastating situation happening on our watch.

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

There is no need to log public forests to build houses.

An end to native forest logging can be and should be considered in the transition to a plantation - based industry. I understand that 90% of Australia's timber needs are already being met by current plantations.

The remaining 10% can easily be satisfied by stopping the export of unprocessed plantation wood and improving the domestic management of existing plantations.

It's disgusting to me and our children and future generations of Australians to discover that Products from NSW logging operations are mostly woodchips for export and other low value products. This is insanity! IT HAS TO STOP.

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

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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 true value of our native forests does not come from wood production but from their critical role in

- -carbon storage,
- -the water cycle and retaining moisture,
- -providing critical habitat,
- reducing fire risk,
- mental health,
- society health & wellness in nature
- cultural heritage to place and land,
- recreational and physical well-being
- spiritual connections especially First Nations guardianship

Most NSW logging is currently subsidised by the taxpayer and makes an economic loss so State Forests isn't even efficient economically let alone environmentally and socially. It has to change.

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

Native forests are truly unique and priceless, their value is beyond narrow economic value and not measured by accountants and profit-greedy exploiters but by more holistic and valuable non-economic ways for instance, the life they sustain and the intangible benefits to human society. Please show true government leadership for Australia's healthy and prosperous future, end native forest logging and stop fossil fuel emissions ASAP.

I believe the following, Do not attach carbon offsets to an end of native forest logging and instead recognise the role of native forests in mitigating the biodiversity and climate crises.