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

I do not subscribe to the belief that commercial forestry is in any way sustainable. A tree lost to lumber is a tree lost to habitat for birds, reptiles and other creatures, hence my unstinting opposition to the removal or thinning of native vegetation.

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

For the very reason that forests play a vital role in the culture of First Nations people and the security of vegetation and wildlife, I oppose all attempts to remove OR modify ANY remaining native vegetation - especially in pursuit of agriculture or forestry.

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

Aside from clearance for rail or road corridors, I can think of no permissible cause for vegetation clearance of any kind.

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

I do not condone 'native forestry'. It amounts to nothing more than an excuse to change land-use from habitat to private or corporate profit.

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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**

I can find no economic or financial justification for the utilisation of native forest for private, corporate or community purposes.

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## **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**

To attribute enhanced levels of biodiversity and carbon fixation and the mitigation of climate change is a very long bow to draw, in addition to being an assertion beyond demonstrable proof or logical credibility.