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

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

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

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

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

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 fully support an immediate end to native forest logging and a future industry based on sustainable plantations;

Native forest logging is driving the endangered koala and greater glider to extinction. An immediate logging moratorium should be placed over core greater glider and koala habitat while the FIAP process is underway;

The true value of our native forests comes from their critical role in carbon storage, providing a clean and reliable water supply, providing critical habitat, recreation and spiritual connection. Logging cannot continue in public native forests without pushing the Koala, Greater Glider, Coastal Emu and many more forest-dependent wildlife much further towards extinction. Illegal logging practices, endangered species habitat destruction and totally inadequate prelogging wildlife surveys have become the norm for Forestry Corporation. Under current rules, the volume of logs taken is considered more important than endangered species. This must stop now.