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

I fully support an end to native forest logging and a future based on sustainable plantations.

- 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.
- -It is not sustainable to cut down a large old-growth tree, which took ages to grow and try to replace it with a tiny new seedling
- -old growth forest is not simply re-growing within a few years

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

- Logging public native forests is costing the taxpayer millions and leading to permanent damage to our forests & extinction of threatened species.
- We need healthy forests for holding carbon, cleaning our water, providing habitat, improving fire management, providing recreation, spiritual connection. Logging native forests damages all these values.

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

Demand for timber products should be covered by reclaimed & recycled wood e.g. timber that has already been cut, but was immersed in floods and had to be re-dried in a kiln & re-sanded or find cheaper alternatives, like Hemp, banana pulp, mushroom mycelium. Find more sustainable solutions like Hemp, which is growing much faster, uses much less water and is therefore better for our environment, our climate and our health.

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

-If I want to harvest in my garden, I have to sew, plant, water and nurture the trees - the same should apply for forestry.

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

If State Forests are taking their role seriously, they will look after the environment and always consider Aboriginal forest management models.

If profits are given higher priority, the environment will always suffer, as trees can't scream. There are billions of dollars in the tourism industry.

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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

I fully support Opportunities to realise carbon and biodiversity benefits and support carbon & biodiversity markets. It is absolutely important to mitigate and adapt to climate change risks. Greenhouse gas emission impacts of different uses of forests and assessment of climate change risks to forests should be of utmost importance. Old-growth forest cannot be replaced with tiny new seedlings.