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

Having been in the industry for 43 years I have seen change. The RFA's in the 1990's were meant to stop the politicalization of the forests and provide harvest and environmental outcomes. The forests are well regulated, and the management is sustainable. I support the ongoing harvest of NSW state forests.

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

Regulation sets the rules for logging. The mapping, surveys, planning and double checking of the operations ensures none of the values of the forests are missed. The forests are actively regenerated after the operation and the roads and gap created are used in fire suppression further helping to protect the forests.

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

The demand for high quality timber will always be consistent, over the years it has increased.

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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**

We as a country don't produce enough timber and timber products. To say the plantation estate or PNF will fill the gap if State Forest logging was to be stopped is not viable. The estates aren't increasing in size, more hardwood forests are removed on private land and returned to agriculture than are planted every year.

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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**

State forests should be continued to be managed as they have been for the last 100 years, carefully and for production and regeneration. We should be proud of the timber we can produce from our productive, renewable resource.

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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**

We need to recognize the full values the State Forests offer including timber. The forest is in such good nick it can be considered suitable for national park, so any market that is made can count State Forest the same as it would National Park.