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

Plantation forestry does less environmental damage than native logging, is more ecologically friendly, has more jobs and costs tax payers less.

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

Threatened species (greater glider for eg) rely on old growth forest for their homes. This cannot be replaced or supplemented elsewhere with 'corrective action' because once the damage is done it's too late

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

Timber can be solely sourced from plantation to be more cost effective and many other materials are available on the market. A restriction on available products will invite innovation.

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

Both softwood and hardwood can be plantation reliant with no need for native logging

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 could utilise old growth forests for tourism, employing managers and empowering indigenous Australians with land management employment opportunity as well as avenues for education programs

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

Old growth forest stores massive amounts of carbon - let's keep it there.