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

Current Forestry Operations considering all factors are entirely unsustainable, aka Bio-diversity loss, Carbon capture loss, native fauna and flora loss, potential tourism loss, its an entirely unsustainable practice that is a loss for everyone and all concerned.

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

Very little consideration is given to inherent values in respect of our natural environment, aka the Cultural heritage of First Nation people, the reliance on of our native species on a truly intact natural environment, the essential value of what our forests do, maintaining our atmosphere, maintaining bio-diversity, species and habitat viability etc etc

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

There is a decreasing reliance on hardwood timber products, makers of hardwood products are under pressure and declining sales as other more viable products and alternatives come on line, that is the situation currently, the need for hardwood poles and pallets has dramatically declined and sales have dropped.

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

This is the future of a reliable timber supply, who's needs are the utilisation of responsible harvesting using enhanced sustainable practices that ensure a viable ongoing supply meeting current and future 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

Our State Forests which belongs to the people and is administered by our state government on behalf of the people is falling far short of what the people want, need and desire for a healthy ongoing bio-diverse natural environment, there is incredible unrealised potential value in maintaining our forests in its mostly original and pristine form, demonstrating the wholeness of Nature, that all people may appreciate and want that. That all people have inclusive and exclusive access to that unique environment, also that first nation people are honoured in that capacity as the time honoured custodians of this beautiful green land.

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

There is much unrealised potential with our forests that is largely unrecognised as a source of sustainability moderation and renewal, in instance that helps to largely mitigate extremes in weather, be the lungs of breath for life everlasting, be a source of wonder and appreciation for generations to come, our natural environment needs to be preserved sustained and protected, this is the bottom line.