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

Current forestry operations are not sustainable and I fully support an end to native forest logging and a future based on sustainable plantations.

Species threatened with extinction such as greater gliders and koalas are being killed and losing habitat so forestry operation are not sustainable.

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

We need healthy forests for holding carbon, cleaning our water, providing habitat, improving fire management, providing recreation and 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

Timber products should come from plantations.

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

Private native forestry should provide their own raw materials, not gather the logs from public land. Had plantations been established on private land 40 years ago, when forestry "wars" began, the trees would be ready for harvesting.

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 not be used for private gain. They are too important for the environment, for humans. State forests with important wildlife habitat, eg for great gliders and koalas should be converted to national parks.

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

State forests should not be used for carbon offsets. We should be aiming for zero carbon emissions, not "net zero". Leave the remaining state forests to absorb carbon.