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

I fully support a complete end to native forest logging and a future based on sustainable plantations only across all of NSW.

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

Australia has some of the worst extinction rates in the world. This must be turned around. The evidence shows that 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. Logging public native forests is costing the taxpayer millions and leading to permanent damage to our forests. Healthy forests hold carbon, clean our water, provide habitat, improve fire management, provide 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

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

Only sustainable plantation forests with transparency on sources and production methodology.

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 must transform its holdings to protected national parklands to ensure the protection for social and economic outcomes via Aboriginal forest management for species protect, culture protection and environmental protection in line with the Paris Agreement.

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

Our forests hold the secrets to all of the above, they must be protected and they will help us meet the impacts of climate change. We need healthy forests for holding carbon, cleaning our water, providing habitat, improving fire management, providing recreation, spiritual connection and logging native forests damages all of this.