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

Good management and timber production are compatible.

I work in the timber industry milling native forest timbers.

The sustainability of the industry is dependent on the sustainability of timber harvesting in the forest. The industry wants sustainability. No one goes to work looking to cause destruction. You spend your life working in timber because you respect it.

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

Forestry acts and codes of practice are used for state and privately owned forests. These regulations dictate the management of environmental and cultural values of forests, including threatened species and Aboriginal cultural heritage values.

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

In the time I've worked in the industry the demand for log has been constant. The amount of log we receive, and the quality have decreased. The RFA's in the 1990s locked some of the best productive forests to exclude harvesting.

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

Timber plantations are not increasing fast enough to take up the slack if native forest harvesting was to stop. The 1:3 ratio of private to public wood supply suggests that PNF won't be enough either.

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 ARE managed to maximize the delivery of a range of environmental, economic and social outcomes and options for diverse management, including Aboriginal forest management models. The media and single interest group's perpetuation that forest harvesting is not selective and regenerative is infuriating

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

Alternatives to solid timber products from native forests like composite products require increased manufacturing inputs in terms of time and power/carbon costs and require glues, resins

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or chemical preservation to achieve the same in use capabilities as sawn native forest timber. How are these products going to be managed at the end of their service? Managing for timber and not using mined products will be the best for environmental management.