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

Forestry in NSW is managed sustainably, NSW State Forests are managed under state policy that dictates management outcomes.

Forestry in NSW supports communities through jobs and industry, I couldn't get a job like mine easily in another industry. Reduced timber supply with threaten my job.

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

I think forests are managed to maintain environmental values (plants, animals, habitat). The forest industry is a part of the community identity in my region. State Forest should be managed for recreation, timber and environmental values.

I don't think timber harvesting threatens the environment, stopping timber harvesting threatens the environment through lack of management

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

The native forest timber products we produce are for specialty products such as flooring. If hardwood timber products are not milled in Australia they will be imported. I believe imported products aren't harvested and milled in a responsible and sustainable way.

Australia does not produce enough timber to meet supply demands, closing public forest to harvest will make this worse. Our mill gets most its timber from native forests. Our mill maximises the amount of product we saw from the logs and recover the whole log into product. That makes me feel good about the job we do.

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

There wont be enough wood produced from plantations and private forests if state forests are closed to harvesting. The timber from native forests, pine plantations and hardwood plantations are all different. Timber from pine plantations can not replace timber from native forests.

I have milled plantation timber, the quality of the plantation timber compared to native forest timber was worse than native forest timbers. The wood was soft and the logs were small.

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

Forest should be managed for recreation, timber and environmental values

NSW state forests allow for recreation such as camping and 4WDs, this type of recreation is not allowed in other state owned forests

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

Trees and soil store carbon, the carbon remains stored in timber products after the tree has been cut down.

Carbon is stored in all forests, not just old growth forests; animals live in all forest, not just old forests.

Unmanaged forests have a higher fire risk.