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

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Dear Sir,

I live in an area when logging is taking place this very moment. Logging has been as close as 600 mts from my property. I see first hand what happens when a forest is logged. I have seen this for 25 years in my locality. Most Australian hardwood species that are logged can take up to 100 years to grow to an economical size (despite what I heard one Member of Parliament say it takes 20 years). I live in an area where you can see the size of the original trees cut by the first loggers, over 1200 mm diameter at the base, taking hundreds of years to grow. We need large trees to make a forest serviceable and sustainable. For that to happen, we must stop logging native forests.

I fully support an end to native forest logging and a future based on sustainable plantations.

- 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.
- 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 these values.

Thank you for allowing me the space to offer an opinion.

Regards,  
John Dyer

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

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Many threatened species are being killed by NSW Forestry on a regular basis. This must stop.

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

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I have no problem with using timber from plantations of softwood or hardwood.

There is so much timber used for other reasons than housing or construction. It is milled for pulp, which I do not agree with. In our area after the fires of 2019/2020, a plantation was harvested and used for fuel for the sugar mills in north NSW. Is that what we want the future to look like?

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

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If private forests are within the Great Koala National Park, then I object to them being logged.

**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**

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Should be more tourists operations within forests.