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

Present Forestry operations are not sustainable. I live close to Dingo State Forest where Forestry is about to commence logging 871 ha. This area is known to have koala and greater glider habitat as well as large forest owls. In 2019 this area was ravaged by fire, large areas of it have since been logged and look like a moonscape. I was unaware that the timber from these forestry operations are classed as sustainably sourced and cannot see how removing so many trees from an already stressed forest can be sustainable, especially for the threatened flora and fauna that inhabit the forest. The remaining forest should be retained and not logged allowing those species surviving there to remain. This situation is repeated in many areas of NSW. Logging native forests needs to stop. We need to move on to plantation timber.

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

I live on a small property on the mid north coast of NSW. This area is home to many threatened species (plant and animal). It is an area of fairly high biodiversity. Forestry operations should never take precedence over the environment and the potential loss of a species. This applies to the whole of NSW but as I am most familiar with this area I shall refer mainly to it. We are a fairly rugged landscape with high rainfall. We value the forest not just a habitat for native species but also an important element of our water resources, soil erosion control and, very importantly, a great carbon sink.

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

I have read that plantation sourced timber is already adequate for the Australian housing industry and that hardwood and softwood plantations supply 91% of Australian log production. As an aside, why do houses have to be so huge these days? Very few families are large yet house size seems to continue to grow. Smaller houses should use less timber.

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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**

Plantation timber has to be the way of the future.

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**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**

Our State Forests are magnificent. They are hugely important to maintaining our unique wildlife. They play a crucial role in the water cycle and help to mitigate climate change. They are an excellent tourist attraction and as such are important to the local economy. We can't continue to devastate our environment. We have done too much damage already yet fail to halt further

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destruction of our valuable (in all ways ) environment. We need to look to the future and realise that the benefits of keeping these native forests intact far outweigh the value of logging them.

**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**

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Carbon and biodiversity benefits - those two things alone should see an immediate end to native forest logging. We can't keep pretending we can continue on with our present destruction of the environment and not suffer the consequences. I have entered a voluntary BCT partnership agreement on a tiny 31 ha of my property. It seems so minuscule compared to the 871 ha that is about to be logged nearby. It seems so crazy that the NSW government has these two departments with completely opposite agendas. We need to stop thinking in human lifespans and consider the future.