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

My concerns pertain to the logging of native forests. I understand that the industry is heavily subsidised by taxpayers, and actually runs at a loss. It is very difficult for me to understand why the industry does not transition its workers into more sustainable jobs and stop logging these beautiful forests. So many of the ancient, large trees have now been felled. It will take hundreds of years for them to regrow. It is time that the industry looked in the mirror and ceased logging native forests.

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

Animals have been left without shelter - and therefore they die. Species die out. Australia's biodiversity levels are declining very quickly and we have an incredibly poor record of extinctions. Much of this is due to loss of habitat, much of this caused by logging. The arrival of the koala on the threatened species list in 2022 is extremely worrying. I cannot imagine the world without koalas - I am acting in order to stop this appalling future happening. Too many of our actions as a society are short sighted and fail to take into account the effect of current practices on the long term future of the planet.

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

Surely we can reduce our need for new timber by either recycling building materials, maintaining our buildings better or using alternate materials.
Aside from these points, plantation timber is able to provide for our needs without logging native forests.

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

Healthy forests are very important to our well being. They are essential for providing water resources, and for carbon capture. Tourism within forests provides jobs and opportunities for relaxation and enjoyment. Seeing native birds and animals in their habitats is extremely fulfilling for peoples' mental wellbeing.
The current financial model in which forests are managed with heavy financial burden on the taxpayer is very difficult to understand.

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

Native forests are essential for storing carbon. Old growth trees have better capacity to store carbon than younger trees. Felling the large trees makes no sense. It is essential that we stop logging native forests in order to combat climate change. Healthy forests are essential for reducing the impacts of climate change and drought. Loss of forests lead to soil degradation and landslips.

The time for action is now. Our planet is heating up. A stop to native forest logging will play a large role in mitigating climate risks and supporting opportunities in carbon markets.