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

I don't believe the current rate of forestry operations is sustainable. Operations need to be halted immediately.

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

It is extremely concerning that the cultural and environmental values are being ignored by industry. Unfortunately threatened species are not prioritised over profit.

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

Alternatives are available.

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

There should be research and investment into alternatives to ease pressure.

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

Aboriginal models should be adopted as they are far more sustainable

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

Prioritisation should be given to diversify markets