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

IT IS MY OPINION THAT THE NORTHERN NSW NATIVE FOREST INDUSTRY IS VERY SUSTAINABLE WITH THE CURRENT FORESTRY PRACTICES

MY FAMILY MOVED TO ████████ IN 1957 AND WORKED HARDWOOD SAWMILLING OPERATIONS FOR OVER 50 YEARS IN THIS AREA AND MY CURRENT FAMILY BUSINESS IS STILL SERVICING THE NATIVE FOREST INDUSTRY TODAY.

THE NORTH COAST OF NSW WAS FORGED ON OUR NATIVE FOREST INDUSTRIES AND WE WHO HAVE LIVED AND WORKED IN THE INDUSTRY FOR GENERATIONS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO JUSTIFY OUR EXISTENCE

OUR REGION HAS DEVELOPED INTO WHAT IT IS TODAY BECAUSE OF OUR INDUSTRY THE GRAFTON REGION IS TODAY STILL ONE OF THE LARGEST TOWN TOWNS ON THE EAST COAST OF AUSTRALIA

NATIVE FOREST INDUSTRIES ARE THE LIFE BLOOD OF THIS TOWN AND THOSE WHO THINK WE WILL REPLACE OUR INDUSTRY WITH TOURISM AND OTHER INDUSTRIES ARE DREAMING

THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

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

TIMBER AND FOREST INDUSTRIES ARE ONE OF THE VERY FEW TRULY SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIES.

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

I DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE EXPORTING LOGS FROM AUSTRALIA

THE LONG TERM ECONOMIC BENEFIT OF SUSTAINABLE NATIVE FOREST INDUSTRIES WITH THE PROCESSING OF TIMBER IN OUR OWN MILLS FOR THE BENEFIT OF AUSTRALIANS IS FAR BETTER THAN A CASH GRAB FOR A SHORT TERM GAIN IN BOTH STATE FORESTRY AND PRIVATE RESOURCE THIS PRACTICE SHOULD BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY.

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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**

IT IS CRUCIAL TO OUR COUNTRY WE MAINTAIN AND GROW OUR FOREST INDUSTRIES, AND TO MINIMISE IMPORT OF FOREST PRODUCTS AS MANY

FOREST OPERATIONS ACROSS THE GLOBE ARE UNSUSTAINABLE AND DO NOT HAVE THE HIGH STANDARD OF FORESTRY PRACTICES THAT WE HAVE HERE IN AUSTRALIA.

**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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I DO NOT HAVE ANY EXPERIECE IN THIS AREA TO GIVE CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENT ,  
HOWEVER I THINK FORESTRY HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE SAWMILLING PROCESSES  
OBTAIN MAXIMUM RECOVERY AND VALUE FROM A PUBLIC RESOURCE AND I DONT THINK THIS IS  
BEING DONE.

**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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I DO NOT BELEVE WE SHOULD BE LOCKING UP OUR FORESTS FOR CARBON CREDITS AS A TRADE  
OFF FOR OTHER INDUSTRIES SUCH AS MINING .