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

I recently moved back to Sydney from Jervis Bay. There, I remain utterly shocked, disgusted and deeply saddened by the rampant logging of forests and corridors of trees to make way for unrequested intersections and infrastructure. All without due consultation. There is NO excuse! Myself and others I know no longer enjoy driving in regional areas because of the amount of careless roadkill and heartbreaking logging. It needs to stop. Whatever laws may be in place are insufficient and not enforced. Make a change. Voters demand it.

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

Much more honest regard for species and cultural heritage must become evident. Consultation must be conducted openly and honestly. Scientific knowledge must be applied.

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

The construction, mining, transport and retail industries must be subject to screening which holds them to practices which are actually sustainable.

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

Farmers and Pastoralists who plans trees to supply building and retail needs should be supported and the practice made more rewarding. This would protect the planet and animals and reduce the dependence on farming animals .

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

State Forests, in consultation with First Nations leaders and communities, can do much to protect forests. Their voices need to be heard and concerns prioritised.

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

Government is very clearly not doing anything like enough to protect the forests, so important to the planet, animals and people. Use all means to contain and reduce carbon emissions and do it much faster. Currently this is not prioritised. Radical change is required.