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

I believe that current native forestry operations in NSW are not sustainable for the following reasons

The current operations are degrading the environmental values provided to the state by intact, largely undisturbed native forests. ie water catchment, biodiversity, and potential economic value of tourism and carbon capture.

The management of the operations has been questionable with numerous court challenges. The cost to the NSW state is unacceptable.

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

The magnificent environmental and cultural values of our forests is such that we should make moves to protect what we have left. I think that this out weighs any perceived short term economic gains including employment or royalties etc. We should move management of native forests over to NSW National Parks and Wildlife service and pay them to manage and conserve the forests.

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

Demands for all timber should be met from plantations.

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

I support softwood and hardwood plantations for timber production so long as they do not encroach on intact areas of native forest. I do not support private native forestry, too much area has been degraded by clearing and forestry already.

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

I do not think that NSW forestry should a role in the delivery of a range of environmental economic or social outcomes. I think that these roles would be better served by NSW National Parks and Wildlife. Diverse management outcomes would be better served by NSW national Parks and Wildlife.

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

Intact forests store large amounts of carbon, so why log them? Lets grow new timber in plantations and really sequester some carbon. Current forestry operations reduces the resilience of forests and the biota within to climate change.