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

I fully support and end to native forest logging and a future based on sustainable plantations. Logging of native forest is leading to extinction of already endangered flora and fauna. Logging native forest changes water ways by causing severe erosion. There is often piles of bark and branches as well as logs that are left as a result of logging native forest which is fuel for fires. Logging causes taxpayers millions and leads to permanent damage to our forests. We need healthy forests for holding carbon. This is of utmost importance on a warming planet if we are going to be able to leave a livable planet for future generations.

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

There are many cultural sites still to be identifies that have deep significance to our First Nations peoples. We need to stop logging our forests and protect these sites which often are homes to endangered species.

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

As a society we need to look using plantation timbers or develop alternative techniques such as mudbrick.

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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**

We cannot continue to log native forests. They cannot be replaced and the benefit that forests have for human health cannot be ubderestimated.

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**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**

There are many benefits from keeping our native forests intact and these can be developed in conjunction with Aboriginal communities.

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**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**

It is essential for the health of the planet to keep native forest intact for all the above reasons.