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

Harvesting of remaining native forests appears to be unsustainable. In our local forests there are few mature trees left. Timber harvested in our local remaining native forests is used primarily for low grade products such as pallets, tomato stakes and floor boards, products which can be supplied from plantations.

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

Harvesting plans are supposed to recognise protection of threatened species but in our local area, this seems to be ignored. There has been several prominent local examples where forestry has been held accountable for breaking the law. Current and future forestry operations must acknowledge these values and develop realistic, accountable criteria to meet them.

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

Why can't plantations be used/developed to strategically meet all the supply demands of housing, construction, transport and retail. Native forests cannot meet these needs.

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

It appears Private native forestry has recently emerged as the main supplier of timber resources because native forests have collapsed as a viable resource. Private native forestry also has a very limited, unsustainable future. Softwood and hardwood plantations, especially if grown on marginally productive farmland, is the only alternative.

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

Haven't seen any evidence that this presently occurs. Can't see how the present organisation could possibly achieve sensible, sustainable management outcomes .

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

This, along with the enhancement of biodiversity , should be the primary focus for all public owned forestry resources.