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

We should be striving to increase the size of our forests and sustainably harvesting them to store the big evil CO2 while providing jobs and timber for the 1 million houses the government is planning to build.

If we ban local harvesting or wood, we'll simply import it (cost to the country) lose jobs and likely source the wood for non-sustainable sources.

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

Our forests are important habitats for our local animals, as well as recreation hotspots for our population. We need to increase plantations to trap more CO2, not ban them.

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

We plan to build a million houses in NSW, we need sustainable, local timber sources to achieve this. Pretty simple. Importing is not acceptable, whether it comes from ethical sources or not. We need to be doing our part on reducing CO2.

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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**

Quite simply they should remain and grow! We need to remove more CO2 from the atmosphere, so plant more trees, leave the natural ones in the forest for the animals and harvest the plantations only.

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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**

We should be encouraging investment to expand plantations on the basis that if they remove 500 trees for example across an area to build a plantation, we plant 750 trees into natural areas. The number of trees should always be growing after 40-50 years of negligent management of our forests.

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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**

If we stop harvesting plantations, we stop capturing CO2. Our CO2 reductions go backwards and plans to be Net Zero (which means 50% reduction in truth) stall.

We need more plantations to help strip the atmosphere of CO2, not a brain-dead ban that will cause the very thing it's designed to prevent.