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

Urban development in the place where I have lived for the last 30 years has gradually pushed back the natural environment so that exists on in unconnected patches. I have encountered koalas trying to cross from one patch of their traditional grazing trees across busy roads and seen many dead animals struck by cars. The recent wildfires and floods destroyed so much habitat in NSW. Our remaining forests should not be violated any further.

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

It is self-evident that short-term gains by a few should not strip us of our environmental and cultural heritage.

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

I thought that the purpose of the plantation forests was not to remove the necessity of native forest logging.

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

I don't know the figures for this. I know of government initiatives to financially support farmers to diversify into forestry and I have seen programs where farmers who have built and supported native vegetation increase the fertility of their land.

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

Yes, this is the ambition. How well the outcomes meet these ambitions is variable. I have seen horror footage of trees with koalas being bushed down, killing the fauna in the trees.

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

I think it is time to have better management and accountability of all forestry organizations and the time to end the destruction of our native forests.