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

I am elderly, lived a long life and watched our forests and bushland disappear at an alarming rate. Destroying trees and more forests is not sustainable as there is so little left. I have read the science and lived the life to know that you can't destroy parts of it and keep it healthy. I have watched in horror on the mid North Coast as the Port Macquarie Council in the name of progress has destroyed most of the koala habitat.

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

I learnt the names and habitats as a child sheep droving and later living around different types of forests. In my area as we have watched it all but disappear with fast development, my bird count showed a 50% loss in 25 years. There are identified threaten species here ,the Glossy Black Cockatoos just to name one. It takes up to 100 years to make a nesting site big enough for our birds and wildlife. There is mainly only the forests left. Please save them.

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

I read where so little goes to building of our hardwood forests and generally the forests are mostly being woodchipped. I fully understand the process and find it unbelievable that one of the best money making products produced are tea bags. Besides the ghastly taste it is becoming very difficult to find leaf tea. We are being pushed to buy a product made from our trees. There are many plants that can be woodchipped to make paper .products and are in fact superior to using our soft and hardwoods that could be new industry that could leave our forests intact.

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

What can one say when the industry is not profitable, supported by taxpayers . Surely any other benefits to wildlife and weather and climate are economic decisions. Taking children to see a forest and animals where they should be teaches children the importance that we and the wildlife are all a part of a whole living planet would have to be a sound economic base for them as well as all the other benefits

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

Politicians making these decisions should have a clear understanding of the role of forests in climate change and weather patterns. Anyone understanding that would surely try to save what is

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left. Just read the science. please just save our remaining forests while you have the power to do so.