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

I do not believe that forestry operations should continue in the state of NSW. This is not a profitable or sustainable industry and resources would be better diverted into up-skilling and transitioning current employees to a different, sustainable industry such as the strongly emerging renewable energy sector.

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

I support ending native forest logging to protect wildlife and their habitats.

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

The majority of native forest logging goes towards pulping for the creation of cardboard and wood chips. Demand for timber products that are actually crucial to housing, transport etc should be met through recycling programs and plantations that do not impact existing native forests.

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

Plantations ought to be managed in a manner that does not impact existing native forests e.g rehabilitation of already cleared land or land previously used for other agricultural or industrial purposes. Plant more trees, do not reduce their numbers.

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

I support the use of native forests for conservation, public enjoyment and Aboriginal forest management.

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

Rather than subsidising forestry operations, I firmly believe that tax payer funding would be better put to use through the rehabilitation of wetlands such as mangroves, a scientifically proven method of capturing a maximum amount of 'blue carbon'.