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

I havent been working in the industry very long, but I know people who have worked in the industry their entire lives. I havent met anyone who works in the industry because they want to destroy the environment. Industry workers care about the forests and the timber we produce

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

Lots of timber workers are from families of timber workers who hand down skills and businesses to the next generation. They know the government rules about the environment and management. They can see marks on trees and tracks in the forests that show which animals have been there and the areas they use.

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

The demand for timber is linked to the demand for building products. Native forest timber is always in demand.

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

Timber from private native forest is already used to meet supply needs. There wont be enough wood if there is only private forests to use.

Plantation timber is already used to meet supply needs. Plantations dont have the same logs as native forest.

## 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

State forests are needed to meet supply needs. Native forests grow back, they are renewable. The animals arent stuck in one spot, they move around the forest and come back the harvested area when its regrowing. The area of forest harvested arent big and the forest around the harvest area isnt changed.

# 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

All ages of forest store carbon, not just old forests. Animals dont only live in untouched forest. Harvesting small areas is not a risk. Utilising the carbon in the regrowing forest and stored in the harvested timber products will help trap carbon.