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

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Dear NSW Forestry Operation Decision Makers, Forests and their values have been part of my own life, starting as a child born into a Family restaurant including hobby farm surrounded by forests lining the small parcels of grazing pastures and soft hills with pine trees and again grass land in between. The hill side pine tree species only was planted after our town had almost completely burned down late middle ages. Takin out weaker looking trees to allow the stronger ones to grow under Forestry specialist guidance ensured a most healthy Forest despite not being of mixed species. But obviously the mixed versions showed much healthier biodiversity and huge pleasure to us kids and the community at large going for walks and enjoying wildlife thriving. All along timber of fallen trees could be used by farmers and community owned forest sections, for their needs - so the replacement forest grown as a replacement guarantee if fire would destroy again is still standing as a treasured part of the environment and for people and animals well being till today.

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

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Definitely - High time that we respect and listen to the Indigenous custodians views and knowledge sharing and acknowledge that their information has been passed on for many thousands of years and preserved healthy food, wildlife, water, air and sustained populations from birth to death as far back as is by now proven as valuable reality. We are now experiencing on a daily basis what havock the greedy, profit for the few in power driven Forest management has dished out.

In the Atherton Tablelands we were very fortunate to be part of the T.R.E.A.T. Reforestation organization that has achieved over their decades of focused replanting initiatives together with the Dept.Parks and Wildlife staff and hundreds of local and visiting environmental education and dedicated nature and related Industry scientists , specialists involved in long term as well as short term studies and sharing of data and knowledge including inviting and welcoming visitors from PNG to USA to learn and replicate the basic ( well organised and systemmatic) system of seed collecting and propagating record keeping and preplanning ahead for areas of restoration plantings and replacement where former government total tree felling of the rainforest for agricultural land use was practiced for years. Mixed tree plantings and recognising where and how and when plantings are successfully practised showed great success. River edge damage by cattle water drinking got controlled. Suitable trees replanted and water quality improved and the list goes on and on. Great collaboration with other land use and protection agencies and organisations are are constant and so is increasing volunteers interest in giving special information workshops and guest speakers input to help them improve their own properties and public areas.

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

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Mono planting on a large scale I would never recommend. I am not an expert on timber planting for NSW housing construction. But there are experts living amongst us and it is the timber Industry's obligation and real responsibility to offer them to come forward and be listened to. If Agri Future finds all sorts of ways to handle new challenges and finds ways to successfully move forward in an economic sustainable way - It is possible to achieve this also with timber. Not easy - but profit can't be the main driver any longer into the future. We owe it to the next generation to be able to survive healthy and in a balanced society.

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

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Private Native Forestry and softwood and hardwood plantations sur need to be looked for future needs of timber supply. It surely should still be possible to incorporate wildlife habitat possibilities within the sector by not just clear felling, but selective felling of needed timbers. Again find sources that are practising it already. Owl houses can be moved at a time when the owls can comfortably manage to find them, not while feeding youngsters etc. Global Wilding societies also find answers all around the world.

**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**

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Ask the Aboriginal elders and their offsprings and listen and involve them in the process from start to being part of the monetary benefit fair sharing - High time.

**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**

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Please - Find people who are already involved in finding answers, usually after years of experimenting and learning both ways from successes and failures along the way. Value their contributions and Listen and share knowledge and possible solution findings. Thank you for taking note.