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

Old growth forests are sacred and the remaining remnants must be conserved.

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

Forests are sacred cultural places, especially old growth. They lock up carbon and allow creatures and plants to live a natural life. They should be preserved and increased.

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

Demand for timber products should be met from plantations. Which should only be used for high grade products such as furniture and floors. Low grade uses such as paper should be minimised.

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

Wood products should come only from plantations. Private logging should be minimised.

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

Any expansion of state forests as cultural areas is good.

Aboriginal forest management models are often holistic and are a great idea and allow all to learn new old methods of management. We can learn a lot.

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

Forests lock up carbon. Long live forests.