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

I have worked in milling for 5 years. We take pride in using the logs we mill to get the highest quality product and use the biggest portion of the log we can for sawn product. The whole log is used and there is no waste, even the saw dust is collected and used in agriculture.

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

The forest industry is part of the culture where I live. The environment is also part of the culture. You don't have to choose one or the other. Being in timber doesn't mean you want to cut down all the forest. Being in timber makes you appreciate the forest more.

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

The demand for product has been unchanged. All the product we mill is sold. It doesn't sit in the yard.

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

Hardwood plantation logs we've milled are smaller so the products you can mill are not the same as larger logs from private native forests.

Recently a local council started enforcing dual consent for private native forest harvesting, that stopped private forest harvesting in that shire because it was too hard for land owners.

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

Timber from state forests supports industry and jobs and rural towns. Only a small area of forest is harvested each year and then it regrows. Forests are managed for timber, the environment, recreation etc.

Aboriginal forest management should be used for better forest health. Shutting the forest to harvest and management will mean more weeds and wild fires.

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

Carbon is stored in timber products, products like flooring store timber for as long as they are in use. The forest re-grows and stores more carbon. Government carbon trading already uses state forest carbon.