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

Logging native forests is not sustainable. We have so few wild places left. Continuing this practice is a tragedy for our state and our native wildlife

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

Access to nature and wild places has a significant impact on the mental health of many Australians. Harming these places harms all of us.

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

Plantation timber can be grown and harvested sustainably. Other crops like hemp and innovative use of plant byproducts are also viable alternatives.

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

My understanding is that plantation timber is already the source of the majority of timber produced in the state. Continuing to log native forests is unnecessary. The benefits are swamped by the costs and risks.

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

Forest protect water, air, culture and identity. They are valuable in their own right.

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

It seems self evident that protecting native forests and supporting sustainable timber cultivation will deliver the best social, economic and environmental results for our state.