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

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Hardwood is necessary for railways, housing and mining to name just three major industries. There is an abundance of trees in our forests suitable for use in these industries that by their very removal help keep bushland subdued for the safety of our koalas and other much loved native animals. Importing will destroy the livelihoods of many many families either directly or indirectly through the knock on effect when one industry is lost.

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**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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For millennia our First Nations People have been in stewardship of our Nation's forests using methods of burning and thinning the bush in order to subdue it. This kept plant species reproducing. After having a raging bush fire come to my back door in October 2019 I am all too familiar with the necessity for logging the carefully selected trees and the maintenance of fire trails. Less raging bush fires equals, less death of humans and precious native animals, and less money spent in rebuilding communities.