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

Forests are a finite resource. I am concerned about the loss of native forests and support an end to logging as a means of maintaining a sustainable amount of old forests

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

Forests sustain important species. We cannot afford more extinctions. Australia is already one of the worst places in the world in looking after our unique species
We need open spaces, forests and land for recreation, health and meditation. With climate change we are more in need than ever before in creating a healthy environment.

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

There are many alternatives for building that do not require the destruction of forests.

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

I am not against the use of certain quick growing timber. We cannot afford the destruction of old hardwood trees

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

With good organisation and the will to balance needs, State Forests could play an important part in sustainability and balanced management

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

We need healthy forests for holding carbon, for recreation, for good fire management, for habitat protection, among other possibilities. These opportunities should be a priority