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

The strict rules that native forest operations are undertaken are very rarely made known to public opinion. Green groups have made a great case of misinformation to the NSW public which in turn drives a common misunderstanding that the environment is being destroyed for no gain.

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

Values are considered and kept in mind during operations

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

Timber still remains one of the only renewable building products. Utility companies considering the change to concrete and composite power poles is a great example. The swapping of a renewable product for a more exspensive non renewable product is not considering any environmental outcomes.

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

Australia's current strategy will see the offshore sourcing of timber products.

One needs to look to Europe where forests have a range of uses, including conservation, timber production and cultural uses.

Australia's lock up and leave strategy is archaic.

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

Currently exists in state forests, especially native state forests. Any additional national parks will ignore multiple use availability.

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

An option, but the market is not fully developed yet.