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

The sustainability of the industry is higher than its ever been with stronger regulation throughout the approval process and harvesting records that are being kept by LLS filled out throughout the harvesting operations. I'm my small business I employ 4 people directly and dozens indirectly with the insecurity in the industry's future I've stopped investing in my business and am just sustaining my level I'm at with the business and equipment I've acquired over the past 6 years of running my own company it would be great to know there's a future for the next 20 or 30 years to keep people in the industry interested it's hard when all you here is that it could be over any time in years to come

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

There has always been strong guide lines and buffer zones for working around the threatened species when these are applied which my company does it seems very minimal risks to the environment we work in

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

The demand for timber has never been so strong and seemingly only going up

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

Plantation when successfully done are great but in the private sector I work in is not financially achievable for the general farmer good long term rewards but large cost to start the infrastructure and planting process private native forestry is carrying a heavy load with the forestry nsw having trouble meeting demand due weather and shut down through complaints and epa audits

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

The forestry is now so much on the environmental social outcomes that its struggles to be economically viable because of these issues being addressed constantly