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

With only 12% of the forest land in NSW available for an industry which only 0.3% is sustainably harvested per year and from that supports 10's of thousands of jobs and businesses what difference is taking this away and decimating a world leading industry going to make, if we haven't solved the Environmental concerns in the other 88% then something is not right.

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

private native forestry will play a huge role but that in itself will not meet the demand, plantation timber does not service the needs of the industry nor is there enough for the country's needs, plantations should have been invested in by governments 30 years ago.

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N&N Smith

Our Business N&N Smith is a sawmilling and harvesting operation, we are a family owned and operated business which spans over 3 generations of family and 80 years in the business.

Our operations include sawmilling of medium and high value hardwoods servicing a number of resellers and manufactures including handles for axes, shovels brooms and various ranges of handles that require durable timber like spotted gum. We also provide numerous other sawn sections of high value hardwood timbers for structural posts and service small operators doing timber benchtop slabs.

Our operation also includes harvesting of private native hardwoods supplying both our own business and a number of other sawmilling businesses in poles, girders and high-quality saw log to other operations in northern NSW which depend on us.

We have managed the same private lands stretching over 80 years on a harvesting cycle that manages the forests properly so there is always resource to return to as the generational knowledge of how this is done best is passed on.

There are no better managers of the forest and land than those like us that depend on an ongoing sustainable resource to fuel our businesses and continue to invest.

Our operation employs only 4 staff but supports hundreds of jobs in other businesses that depend on our sawmilled products, resource supply not to mention the huge amount of supporting business in parts and engineering services that maintain and service all our equipment.

I'm sure there are many many businesses like ours supporting and supplying other businesses that depend on the timber industry for their survival, the government needs to understand how large this is and how far it stems, for the small amount of well managed sustainably harvested forest there is compared to the amount national park I'm not sure where this makes any sense to decimate a well-managed generational industry by ending or reducing harvestable areas any further.